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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield. CPC

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, May 4, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

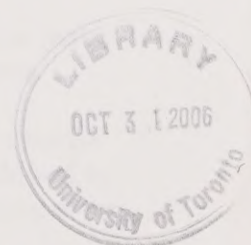
The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Bonnie Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Hon. Ken Dryden,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Judy Sgro for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
and Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Hedy Fry.



IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;

Sonya Norris, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Diane Diotte, Committee Clerk.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, May 4, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Bonnie Brown, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Hon. Ken Dryden, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Hon. Judy Sgro for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain and Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Hedy Fry.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Diane Diotte, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Steven John Fletcher, it was agreed, — That Rob Merrifield be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Judy Sgro, it was agreed, — That Bonnie Brown be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Penny Priddy, it was agreed, — That Christiane Gagnon be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Patricia Davidson, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

On motion of Nicole Demers, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a member of the other opposition party.

On motion of Bonnie Brown, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three members are present, including one member of the opposition.

On motion of Lloyd St. Amand, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee only documents that are available in both official languages.

On motion of Rick Dykstra, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its subcommittees.

Bonnie Brown moved, — That all questioning of witnesses be limited to five(5) minutes per member and that the Chair direct the first two(2) questions to members of the Official Opposition, followed by five(5) minutes for the Bloc québécois, five(5) minutes for the Conservative Party, five(5) minutes for

the New Democratic Party; and that subsequent questions be alternately shared between government and opposition members, at the discretion of the Chair.

That during the appearance of a Minister, the Chair direct the first fifteen(15) minutes to members of the Official Opposition, ten(10) minutes to the Bloc québécois, ten(10) minutes to the New Democratic Party and ten(10) minutes to the Conservative Party during the first round of questioning; and that thereafter five(5) minutes per party be allocated alternating between the opposition and government members, at the discretion of the Chair.

Dave Batters moved, — That the motion be amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph the following: “,with the principle of allowing all members who wish to speak that opportunity”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Dave Batters and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on division.

On motion of Lloyd St. Amand, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses, not exceeding two representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Dave Batters, it was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person from his or her party at *in camera* meetings.

On motion of Rick Dykstra, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of each in camera meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

On motion of Dave Batters, it was agreed, — That 48 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the substantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and distributed to members in both official languages; and that notice given on Friday be deemed to have been given on the following Monday.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Bonnie Brown,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Hon. Ken Dryden,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Bonnie Brown, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Hon. Ken Dryden, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Christiane Gagnon moved, — Whereas the federal government announced on November 18, 2005 that a Memorandum of Understanding had been signed with the legal representatives for individuals infected with the Hepatitis C Virus through the blood system before 1986 and after July 1, 1990;

It is moved that the Standing Committee on Health call the Health Minister in order to apprise the members of the Committee and the Canadian public of the state of negotiations regarding this Memorandum of Understanding.

Bonnie Brown moved, — That the motion be amended by adding at the end of the second paragraph the following: “;as well as to discuss other issues, should time permit.”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bonnie Brown and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit *in camera*.

At 11:29 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:37 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/10 10:28 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, May 11, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 8, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-5, An Act respecting the establishment of the Public Health Agency of Canada and amending certain Acts.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Bonnie Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Christiane Gagnon,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sukh Dhaliwal for Hon. Ken Dryden,
and Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

WITNESSES:

Public Health Agency of Canada:

David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer;
Jane Allain, General Counsel, Legal Services.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, May 11, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Bonnie Brown, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Hon. Hedy Fry, Christiane Gagnon, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Sukh Dhaliwal for Hon. Ken Dryden and Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

Witnesses: Public Health Agency of Canada: David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer; Jane Allain, General Counsel, Legal Services.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 8, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-5, An Act respecting the establishment of the Public Health Agency of Canada and amending certain Acts.

The Chair called Clause 1.

The Minister made a statement and, with David Butler-Jones, answered questions.

At 12:24 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:32 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Nicole Demers moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health ask the Minister of Health not to make a decision regarding the sale and licensing of silicone gel breast implants in Canada until the Committee has received convincing evidence of the safety of the implants for women.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

Nicole Demers moved, — Whereas:

The Standing Committee on Health learned from Vivian Ellis of the Canada Public Health Agency, at the meeting of October 27, 2005, that the epidemiological study begun in 1996 on silicone breast

implants had been completed and that it was to be published in a medical journal in November.

The Committee requested this study on November 21, 2005, and has not received anything in five months.

It is proposed that the Standing Committee on Health once again request a copy of this study and of the medical journal in which the study was to be published, within 15 days.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Nicole Demers moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health call upon Health Canada and the former Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Panel, Dr. Georges Wells, to appear before the Standing Committee on Health, to provide an update on silicone breast implants; and that, following the publication of a new study entitled “Decisions in the Dark” by the National Research Center for Women and Families, and further to the criminal investigation of Mentor; the Standing Committee on Health also call Diana Zuckerman, President of the National Research Center for Women and Families, to appear before the Committee to provide members with the latest information on the events in the United States involving Mentor and Inamed.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield, CPC

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 8, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-5, An Act respecting the establishment of the Public Health Agency of Canada and amending certain Acts.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Bonnie Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Hon. Ken Dryden,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Christiane Gagnon,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Keeper for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;

Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

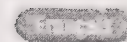
Public Health Agency of Canada:

Jim Harlick, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy,
Communications and Corporate Services;

Jane Allain, General Counsel, Legal Services;

Guy Faggiolo, General Counsel, Legal Services.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Bonnie Brown, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Hon. Ken Dryden, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Hon. Hedy Fry, Christiane Gagnon, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Tina Keeper for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

In attendance: House of Commons: Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Public Health Agency of Canada: Jim Harlick, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy, Communications and Corporate Services; Jane Allain, General Counsel, Legal Services; Guy Faggiolo, General Counsel, Legal Services.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 8, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-5, An Act respecting the establishment of the Public Health Agency of Canada and amending certain Acts.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 2 to 24 inclusive carried on division.

The Short Title carried on division.

The Preamble carried on division.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried on division.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

The witnesses answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/16 4:18 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of a new strategy for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Bonnie Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Christiane Gagnon,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Keeper for Hon. Ken Dryden,
and Paul Szabo for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Public Health Agency of Canada:

David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer;
Kelly Stone, Director, Childhood and Adolescence Division,
Centre for Health Promotion.

Department of Health:

Kathy Langlois, Director General, First Nations and Inuit Health
Community Programs Directorate;
Linda Dabros, Director, Office of Drug Strategy Secretariat and
Strategic Policy.

Canadian Institutes of Health Research:

Barbara Beckett, Assistant Director, Institute of Neurosciences,
Mental Health and Addiction.

David Butler-Jones made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Bonnie Brown, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Hon. Hedy Fry, Christiane Gagnon, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Tina Keeper for Hon. Ken Dryden and Paul Szabo for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Public Health Agency of Canada: David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer; Kelly Stone, Director, Childhood and Adolescence Division, Centre for Health Promotion. *Department of Health:* Kathy Langlois, Director General, First Nations and Inuit Health Community Programs Directorate; Linda Dabros, Director, Office of Drug Strategy Secretariat and Strategic Policy. *Canadian Institutes of Health Research:* Barbara Beckett, Assistant Director, Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of a new strategy for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

David Butler-Jones made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the Committee examine a draft report on the subject of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, 2006, from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., following the appearance of the Minister of Health on the Main Estimates.

At 12:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/31 9:13 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, June 1, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Health Care Wait Times.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Bonnie Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon
and Rob Merrifield.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Epp for Rick Dykstra,
Tina Keeper for Hon. Ken Dryden,
Serge Ménard for Christiane Gagnon,
and Paul Steckle for Hon. Hedy Fry.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Alberta Bone and Joint Health Institute:
Cyril Frank, Co Vice-Chair.

Cardiac Care Network of Ontario:
Kevin Glasgow, Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Association of Radiologists:
Martin Reed, Executive Member.

Capital Health:
Richard Lewanczuk, Regional Medical Director, Chronic Disease
Management;
Angela Estey, Director, Regional Diabetes Program.

Cyril Frank, Kevin Glasgow, Martin Reed and Richard Lewanczuk made statements and, with Angela Estey, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, June 1, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Bonnie Brown, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon and Rob Merrifield.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Rick Dykstra, Tina Keeper for Hon. Ken Dryden, Serge Ménard for Christiane Gagnon and Paul Steckle for Hon. Hedy Fry.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Alberta Bone and Joint Health Institute: Cyril Frank, Co Vice-Chair. *Cardiac Care Network of Ontario:* Kevin Glasgow, Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Association of Radiologists:* Martin Reed, Executive Member. *Capital Health:* Richard Lewanczuk, Regional Medical Director, Chronic Disease Management; Angela Estey, Director, Regional Diabetes Program.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Health Care Wait Times.

Cyril Frank, Kevin Glasgow, Martin Reed and Richard Lewanczuk made statements and, with Angela Estey, answered questions.

On motion of Bonnie Brown, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$11,900.00, for the study on Health Care Wait Times, be adopted.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/02 9:54 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 under HEALTH referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of a new strategy for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Bonnie Brown,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ruby Dhalla for Hon. Ken Dryden.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Keeper
and James Lunney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

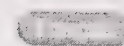
WITNESSES:

Department of Health:
Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister.

Public Health Agency of Canada:
David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer;
Luc Ladouceur, Director General, Finance and Administration
Directorate.

Department of Health:
Hélène Gosselin, Associate Deputy Minister;
Chantale Cousineau-Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer, Chief
Financial Officer Branch.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Bonnie Brown, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Ruby Dhalla for Hon. Ken Dryden.

Associate Members present: Tina Keeper and James Lunney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister. *Public Health Agency of Canada:* David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer; Luc Ladouceur, Director General, Finance and Administration Directorate. *Department of Health:* Hélène Gosselin, Associate Deputy Minister; Chantale Cousineau-Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Financial Officer Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 under HEALTH referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:59 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of a new strategy for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Christiane Gagnon, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$5,700.00, for the study on Silicone Gel-Filled Breast Implants, be adopted.

At 1:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/06 4:56 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, June 8, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of silicone gel-filled breast implants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Bonnie Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vivian Barbot for Christiane Gagnon,
Ruby Dhalla for Hon. Ken Dryden,
and Tina Keeper for Hon. Hedy Fry.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Neil Yeates, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch;

Supriya Sharma, Associate Director General, Therapeutic Product Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Sylvie Stachenko, Deputy Chief Public Health Officer, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention;

Yang Mao, Director, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

University of Toronto:

Mitchell Brown, Plastic, Reconstructive and Cosmetic Surgeon and Associate Professor, Department of Surgery.

Brampton Memorial Hospital Campus:

Paula Chidwick, Director of Clinical and Corporate Ethics and Ethicist, William Osler Health Centre.


National Research Center for Women & Families:

Diana Zuckerman, President.

Neil Yeates, Sylvie Stachenko, Mitchell Brown, Paula Chidwick and Diana Zucherman made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Diane Diotte
Committee Clerk

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

 Close

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, June 8, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met by videoconference at 11:31 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Bonnie Brown, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Guest Members present: Vivian Barbot for Christiane Gagnon, Ruby Dhalla for Hon. Ken Dryden and Tina Keeper for Hon. Hedy Fry.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: *Department of Health:* Neil Yeates, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Supriya Sharma, Associate Director General, Therapeutic Product Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch. *Public Health Agency of Canada:* Sylvie Stachenko, Deputy Chief Public Health Officer, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention; Yang Mao, Director, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. *University of Toronto:* Mitchell Brown, Plastic, Reconstructive and Cosmetic Surgeon and Associate Professor, Department of Surgery. *Brampton Memorial Hospital Campus:* Paula Chidwick, Director of Clinical and Corporate Ethics and Ethicist, William Osler Health Centre. *National Research Centre for Women & Families:* Diana Zuckerman, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of silicone gel-filled breast implants.

Neil Yeates, Sylvie Stachenko, Mitchell Brown, Paula Chidwick and Diana Zucherman made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 3:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Diotte
Committee Clerk

5/06/09 9:55 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield. CPC

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of a new strategy for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of silicone gel-filled breast implants.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of a Vice-Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of silicone gel-filled breast implants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield

and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras for Christiane Gagnon,
Ed Komarnicki for Patricia Davidson,
and John Maloney for Hon. Ken Dryden.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Christiane Gagnon, Ed Komarnicki for Patricia Davidson and John Maloney for Hon. Ken Dryden.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of a new strategy for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of silicone gel-filled breast implants.

The Committee commenced consideration of a document on silicone gel-filled breast implants.

At 12:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:36 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of a Vice-Chair.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the First Vice-Chair.

On motion of Tina Keeper, it was agreed, — That Ruby Dhalla be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of silicone gel-filled breast implants.

Nicole Demers moved, — Whereas:

- There have been no objective, long-term studies on silicone gel breast implants and their effect on women's health.
- The document "Decisions in the Dark," published by the National Research Center for Women

and Families, informs us that the file that Inaed presented to the FDA contained little longitudinal data on breast cancer patients with breast implants.

- That same document informs us that Mentor, in its file to the FDA, had no long-term data on patients with breast cancer and very little data on implant ruptures.
- On January 27, we learned in FDA Week that the FDA's Office of Criminal Investigations had interrogated a former employee of Mentor who stated that:
 - the company was hiding data on ruptures;
 - the textured silicone implants made by Mentor had a design flaw and thus a higher rupture rate than smooth implants;
 - the company was concealing leakages by claiming they are seal or component breakage;
 - the company had not revealed these details to the FDA.
- A study published in Analytical Chemistry by Ernest Lykissa and Susan Maharaj states that women with silicone breast implants have higher concentrations of platinum than the general population and that the metal's oxidization indicate that the exposure could be toxic.
- The team of Doctor Robert Guidoin, a specialist in biomaterials at the Université Laval, demonstrated that the silicone gel prostheses implanted in 12,000 Canadian women can deteriorate, mix with tissue and release a potentially carcinogenic product into the human body.
- Aleina Tweed tells us that a study carried out by the Centre of Excellence for Women's Health indicates that 51% of women who were given silicone implants had to undergo one or more other operations and that 70% of the implants removed after 11 to 15 years were perforated.

In light of all the information collected and heard to date, we are asking the Minister of Health to postpone his decision on silicone gel breast implants.

Debate arose thereon.

Dave Batters moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting all the words from "Whereas" to "perforated." and by adding after the word "implants" in the final paragraph the following: "until he has received enough scientific information to make an informed decision on the safety of silicone gel breast implants .".

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Dave Batters and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Nicole Demers moved, — Whereas:

- Silicone gel breast implants were withdrawn from the market in 1992 because they were causing health problems in women.
- Dow Corning faced a number of lawsuits following the withdrawal of the breast implants and was required to pay \$2.35 billion to over 300,000 women.

- Aleina Tweed of the Canadian Women's Health Network tells us that 80% of breast surgery is for breast augmentations and only 20% is for reconstructions.
- The Special Access Program for Medical Devices was meant to allow silicone gel breast implants only for breast reconstructions.
- Only 45 of the 24,045 requests to the Special Access Program, for silicone gel breast implants, since the program began have been refused.
- Of the 8,159 requests made this year, 80% were for breast augmentations.

We are asking the Minister of Health to tighten the conditions for the Special Access Program by allowing surgeons to obtain silicone gel implants only for purposes other than breast augmentations unless they are medically necessary.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

At 1:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/14 3:22 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, June 15, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Patricia Davidson,
Ruby Dhalla,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Meili Faille for Nicole Demers,
and Réal Ménard for Christiane Gagnon.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes:

Diane T. Finegood, Scientific Director.

Statistics Canada:

Margot Shields, Senior Analyst, Health Statistics Division.

Queen's University:

Peter T. Katzmarzyk, Associate Professor, School of Physical and Health Education and Department of Community Health and Epidemiology.

Canadian Council of Food and Nutrition:

Francy Pillo-Blocka, President and CEO.

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada:

Sally Brown, Chief Executive Officer;
Stephen Samis, Director, Health Policy.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, June 15, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Patricia Davidson, Ruby Dhalla, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Meili Faille for Nicole Demers and Réal Ménard for Christiane Gagnon.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst.

Witnesses: Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes: Diane T. Finegood, Scientific Director. *Statistics Canada:* Margot Shields, Senior Analyst, Health Statistics Division. *Queen's University:* Peter T. Katzmarzyk, Associate Professor, School of Physical and Health Education and Department of Community Health and Epidemiology. *Canadian Council of Food and Nutrition:* Francy Pillo-Blocka, President and CEO. *Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada:* Sally Brown, Chief Executive Officer; Stephen Samis, Director, Health Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Childhood Obesity.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/15 3:53 p.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Prescription Drugs.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of a new strategy for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jean-Claude D'Amours for Hon. Ken Dryden,
Jean-Yves Laforest for Christiane Gagnon,
and Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

The Fraser Institute:

Brett Skinner, Director, Departments of Health and Pharmaceutical
Policy Research and Insurance Policy Research.

Fraser Group:

Ken Fraser, President.

University of British Columbia:

Barbara Mintzes, Centre for Health Services and Policy Research.

Dalhousie University:

Ingrid Sketris, Professor, College of Pharmacy.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Jean-Claude D'Amours for Hon. Ken Dryden, Jean-Yves Laforest for Christiane Gagnon and Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst.

Witnesses: The Fraser Institute: Brett Skinner, Director, Departments of Health and Pharmaceutical Policy Research and Insurance Policy Research. *Fraser Group:* Ken Fraser, President. *University of British Columbia:* Barbara Mintzes, Centre for Health Services and Policy Research. *Dalhousie University:* Ingrid Sketris, Professor, College of Pharmacy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Prescription Drugs.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — Pursuant to Standing Order 110(2), the Committee has taken note of the certificate of nomination of Weldon Newton, President of the Hazardous Materials Information Review Commission, as tabled in the House of Commons on Friday, May 12, 2006, and referred to the Standing Committee on Health; and has agreed to waive further consideration of the nomination.

Penny Priddy moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health call on the Minister of Health to work with Health Canada and the provinces to establish, within Health Canada, a national publicly-accessible database of innovation around reducing wait times within the public system.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 2.

On motion of Dave Batters, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$10,300.00, for the study on Prescription Drugs, be adopted.

On motion of Dave Batters, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$6,100.00, for the study on Childhood Obesity, be adopted.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of a new strategy for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

At 12:42 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:46 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 1:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/21 2:45 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, June 22, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of a new strategy for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.


Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of silicone gel-filled breast implants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laurie Hawn for Dave Batters,
Jean-Yves Laforest for Christiane Gagnon,
and John Maloney for Hon. Ken Dryden.



IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, June 22, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Laurie Hawn for Dave Batters, Jean-Yves Laforest for Christiane Gagnon and John Maloney for Hon. Ken Dryden.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of a new strategy for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: *Even One is too Many: A call for a comprehensive action plan for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.*

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from Christiane Gagnon, M.P. and Nicole Demers, M.P. from the Bloc québécois, provided that it is no more than two pages in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee in both official languages, no later than 5 p.m., on Friday, June 23, 2006.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, in the fall, the Committee undertake a study on Childhood Obesity with an emphasis on First Nations and Inuits, to be followed by a study on Prescription Drugs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of silicone gel-filled breast implants.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 12:07 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:13 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: *Silicone Gel-Filled Breast Implants: Areas of Concern*.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

At 12:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/23 9:59 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Lunney for Rick Dykstra.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 3:53 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: James Lunney for Rick Dykstra.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a proposed workplan for its study on Childhood Obesity.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hold eight meetings on the subject of Childhood Obesity.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/22 1:54 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, September 21, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra for Ruby Dhalla.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Gregory Taylor, Acting Director General, Centre For Chronic Disease Prevention and Control.

Department of Health:

Mary Bush, Director General, Health Products and Food Branch, Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion;

Kathy Langlois, Director General, Community Programs

Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch;

Janet Beauvais, Director General, Health Products and Food Branch, Food Directorate.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety.

Canadian Institutes of Health Research:

Diane T. Finegood, Scientific Director, Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, September 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Omar Alghabra for Ruby Dhalla.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Public Health Agency of Canada: Gregory Taylor, Acting Director General, Centre For Chronic Disease Prevention and Control. *Department of Health:* Mary Bush, Director General, Health Products and Food Branch, Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion; Kathy Langlois, Director General, Community Programs Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Janet Beauvais, Director General, Health Products and Food Branch, Food Directorate. *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety. *Canadian Institutes of Health Research:* Diane T. Finegood, Scientific Director, Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

Gregory Taylor, Mary Bush, Janet Beauvais, Kathy Langlois and Debra Bryanton made statements and, with Diane Finegood, answered questions.

At 5:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/29 12:00 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Guy André for Christiane Gagnon,
James Lunney for Rick Dykstra,
and Gary Merasty for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Louise M. Thibault, Procedural Clerk.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(2).

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Guy André for Christiane Gagnon, James Lunney for Rick Dykstra and Gary Merasty for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Louise M. Thibault, Procedural Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of James Lunney, it was agreed, — That Rob Merrifield be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Ruby Dhalla, it was agreed, — That Carolyn Bennett be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Nicole Demers, it was agreed, — That Christiane Gagnon be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

At 3:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/27 3:55 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Guy André for Christiane Gagnon,
James Lunney for Rick Dykstra,
and Gary Merasty for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Odette Madore, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute:

Cora Craig, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Queen's University:

Ian Janssen, Assistant Professor, School of Kinesiology and Health Studies, and Department of Community Health and Epidemiology.

Active Healthy Kids Canada:

Mark Tremblay, Chairman of the Board.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:48 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Guy André for Christiane Gagnon, James Lunney for Rick Dykstra and Gary Merasty for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute: Cora Craig, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Queen's University:* Ian Janssen, Assistant Professor, School of Kinesiology and Health Studies, and Department of Community Health and Epidemiology. *Active Healthy Kids Canada:* Mark Tremblay, Chairman of the Board.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Steven John Fletcher, it was agreed, — Whereas the Standing Committee on Health adopted its second report entitled *Even One is Too Many: A Call for a Comprehensive Action Plan for FASD*, on June 22, 2006, and planned to table it in the House of Commons before the summer adjournment, but in fact was unable to do so until September 18, 2006, and

Notwithstanding that Recommendation 2(d) in the report specifies “that Health Canada submit the action plan to Parliament to be referred to the Health Committee by October 2006”.

It is moved that the Committee agree that the date specified in Recommendation 2(d) be now considered as January 16, 2007, instead of October 2006, in order to coincide with the 120 calendar days allotted to Health Canada for the tabling of a comprehensive response, as requested in the Committee’s second report.

On motion of Dave Batters, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$82,450.00, for the period of September 21, 2006 to March 31, 2007, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/27 3:56 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, September 28, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Tina Keeper,
Thierry St-Cyr for Christiane Gagnon,
and Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Refreshments Canada:

Calla Farn, Director of Public Affairs.

Bariatric Medical Institute:

Yoni Freedhoff, Medical Director.

McMaster Children's Hospital:

Linda Gillis, Registered Dietitian, Children's Exercise and
Nutrition Centre Hamilton Health Sciences.

Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association:

Joyce Reynolds, Senior Vice-President, Government Affairs;
Jill Holroyd, Vice-President, Research and Communications.

Centre for Indigenous Peoples' Nutrition and Environment:

Harriet Kuhnlein, Founding Director.

Food and Consumer Products of Canada:

Phyllis Tanaka, Director, Food and Nutrition Policy.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, September 28, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met by videoconference at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Tina Keeper, Thierry St-Cyr for Christiane Gagnon and Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst.

Witnesses: Refreshments Canada: Calla Farn, Director of Public Affairs. *Bariatric Medical Institute:* Yoni Freedhoff, Medical Director. *McMaster Children's Hospital:* Linda Gillis, Registered Dietitian, Children's Exercise and Nutrition Centre Hamilton Health Sciences. *Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association:* Joyce Reynolds, Senior Vice-President, Government Affairs; Jill Holroyd, Vice-President, Research and Communications. *Centre for Indigenous Peoples' Nutrition and Environment:* Harriet Kuhnlein, Founding Director. *Food and Consumer Products of Canada:* Phyllis Tanaka, Director, Food and Nutrition Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions, including Linda Gillis by videoconference from Hamilton, Ontario.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/29 9:37 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Lunney for Rick Dykstra,
and Gary Merasty for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada:

Robert Eyahpaise, Director, Social Services and Justice, Social Policy and Programs Branch;
Fred Hill, Manager, Northern Food Security, Northern Affairs Program.

Assembly of First Nations:

Katherine Whitecloud, Regional Chief;
Valerie Gideon, Senior Director, Health and Social Secretariat.

National Aboriginal Health Organization:

Mark Buell, Manager, Policy and Communications;
Carole Lafontaine, Acting Chief Executive Officer.

University of Alberta:

Noreen Willows, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science.

Kahnawake Schools Diabetes Prevention Project:

Sheila Wari Whitebean, Manager and Intervention Coordinator;
Margaret Cargo, Researcher, Psychosocial Research Division, Douglas Hospital Research Centre;
Treena Delormier, Member, Community Advisory Board.

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami:

Kristy Sheppard, Representative of the National Inuit Committee on Health.

Department of Health:

Kathy Langlois, Director General, Community Programs Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Robert Eyahpaise, Katherine Whitecloud, Carole Lafontaine, Noreen Willows, Treena Delormier, Margaret Cargo and Kristy Sheppard made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: James Lunney for Rick Dykstra and Gary Merasty for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst.

Witnesses: Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: Robert Eyahpaise, Director, Social Services and Justice, Social Policy and Programs Branch; Fred Hill, Manager, Northern Food Security, Northern Affairs Program. *Assembly of First Nations:* Katherine Whitecloud, Regional Chief; Valerie Gideon, Senior Director, Health and Social Secretariat. *National Aboriginal Health Organization:* Mark Buell, Manager, Policy and Communications; Carole Lafontaine, Acting Chief Executive Officer. *University of Alberta:* Noreen Willows, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science. *Kahnawake Schools Diabetes Prevention Project:* Sheila Wari Whitebean, Manager and Intervention Coordinator; Margaret Cargo, Researcher, Psychosocial Research Division, Douglas Hospital Research Centre; Treena Delormier, Member, Community Advisory Board. *Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami:* Kristy Sheppard, Representative of the National Inuit Committee on Health. *Department of Health:* Kathy Langlois, Director General, Community Programs Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

Robert Eyahpaise, Katherine Whitecloud, Carole Lafontaine, Noreen Willows, Treena Delormier, Margaret Cargo and Kristy Sheppard made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/04 9:56 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, October 5, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper
and Rob Merrifield.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht for Rick Dykstra,
and James Lunney for Rick Dykstra.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dawn Black.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Geoff Trueman, Chief, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch;
Katherine Rechico, Special Advisor, Personal Income Tax
Division, Tax Policy Branch;
Alex Lessard, Tax Policy Officer, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy
Branch.

Centre for Science in the Public Interest:

Bill Jeffery, National Coordinator.

University of Alberta:

Sean B. Cash, Assistant Professor, Department of Rural Economy.

Nova Scotia Agricultural College:

J. Stephen Clark, Associate Professor of Economics, Department
of Business and Social Sciences.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, October 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper and Rob Merrifield.

Acting Members present: Harold Albrecht for Rick Dykstra and James Lunney for Rick Dykstra.

Other Members present: Dawn Black.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Geoff Trueman, Chief, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch; Katherine Rechico, Special Advisor, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch; Alex Lessard, Tax Policy Officer, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch. *Centre for Science in the Public Interest:* Bill Jeffery, National Coordinator. *University of Alberta:* Sean B. Cash, Assistant Professor, Department of Rural Economy. *Nova Scotia Agricultural College:* J. Stephen Clark, Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Business and Social Sciences.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hear witnesses on the topic of juvenile diabetes research for one hour during the scheduled October 31, 2006 meeting, and that the witnesses include children affected by type 1 juvenile diabetes.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/05 6:35 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, October 17, 2006, the Committee commenced its study on Funding of the First Nations and Inuit Tobacco Control Strategy.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Lunney for Rick Dykstra.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pat Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Odette Madore, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Michael D. Chong, Minister for Sport.

WITNESSES:

Department of Canadian Heritage:

Jacques Paquette, Associate Deputy Minister, International and
Intergovernmental Affairs and Sports;
Tom Scrimger, Director General, Sport Canada.

The Silken Laumann Active Kids Movement:

Silken Laumann, President;
Sandra Hamilton, Director of Marketing and Corporate Relations.

Aboriginal Sport Circle:

Rod Jacobs, Manager, Aboriginal Sport Development;
Stephanie Smith, Interim Executive Director.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: James Lunney for Rick Dykstra.

Other Members present: Pat Martin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Michael D. Chong, Minister for Sport.

Witnesses: Department of Canadian Heritage: Jacques Paquette, Associate Deputy Minister, International and Intergovernmental Affairs and Sports; Tom Scrimger, Director General, Sport Canada. *The Silken Laumann Active Kids Movement:* Silken Laumann, President; Sandra Hamilton, Director of Marketing and Corporate Relations. *Aboriginal Sport Circle:* Rod Jacobs, Manager, Aboriginal Sport Development; Stephanie Smith, Interim Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

The Minister, Silken Laumann and Rod Jacobs made statements and, with Jacques Paquette, answered questions.

At 5:07 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:14 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Patricia Davidson, it was agreed, — That the Committee undertake four additional meetings with witnesses, in addition to the current workplan, as part of its study on Childhood Obesity, and that during one of these final four meetings the Committee hear testimony from Health Canada officials on the new version of Canada's Food Guide.

On motion of Christiane Gagnon, it was agreed, — That the Committee invite Health Canada officials to appear concerning the new version of the Canadian Food Guide, at one of the four additional meetings on Childhood Obesity.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, October 17, 2006, the Committee commenced its study on Funding of the First Nations and Inuit Tobacco Control Strategy.

Tina Keeper moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee recommends that the government continue funding the First Nations and Inuit Tobacco Control Strategy at the fiscal 2005-2006 level and that the Chair report the adoption of this motion to the House forthwith.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

At 5:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/20 10:07 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, October 19, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Tina Keeper
and Rob Merrifield.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Meili Faille for Christiane Gagnon,
Art Hanger for Dave Batters,
James Lunney for Rick Dykstra,
and Pat Martin for Penny Priddy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Medical Association:

Colin McMillan, President;
William Tholl, Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Paediatric Society:

Claire LeBlanc, Committee Chair, Healthy Active Living
Committee;
Marie Adèle Davis, Executive Director.

Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission:

Martine Vallee, Director, English Pay, Specialty and Social Policy;
Denis Carmel, Director, Public Affairs.

Concerned Children's Advertisers:

Cathy Loblaw, President.

Advertising Standards Canada:

Linda J. Nagel, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Media Awareness Network:

Catherine Thurm, Project Manager, Education.

Association of Canadian Advertisers:

Robert Reaume, Vice-President, Policy and Research.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, October 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Tina Keeper and Rob Merrifield.

Acting Members present: Meili Faille for Christiane Gagnon, Art Hanger for Dave Batters, James Lunney for Rick Dykstra and Pat Martin for Penny Priddy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Medical Association: Colin McMillan, President; William Tholl, Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Paediatric Society:* Claire LeBlanc, Committee Chair, Healthy Active Living Committee; Marie Adèle Davis, Executive Director. *Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission:* Martine Vallee, Director, English Pay, Specialty and Social Policy; Denis Carmel, Director, Public Affairs. *Concerned Children's Advertisers:* Cathy Loblaw, President. *Advertising Standards Canada:* Linda J. Nagel, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Media Awareness Network:* Catherine Thurm, Project Manager, Education. *Association of Canadian Advertisers:* Robert Reaume, Vice-President, Policy and Research.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

Colin McMillan, Claire LeBlanc, Martine Vallee, Cathy Loblaw, Linda J. Nagel, Catherine Thurm and Robert Reaume made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/20 9:21 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper
and Rob Merrifield.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Lunney for Rick Dykstra,
and Pat Martin for Penny Priddy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Odette Madore, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Mary Bush, Director General, Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion, Health Products and Food Branch;
Janet Pronk, Acting Director, Policy and Standard Setting, Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion;
Danielle Brulé, Director, Research, Monitoring and Evaluation, Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion;
Élaine De Grandpré, Nutritionist, Planning, Dissemination and Outreach, Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion;
Lori Doran, Acting Director, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Mary Bush made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper and Rob Merrifield.

Acting Members present: James Lunney for Rick Dykstra and Pat Martin for Penny Priddy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Mary Bush, Director General, Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion, Health Products and Food Branch; Janet Pronk, Acting Director, Policy and Standard Setting, Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion; Danielle Brulé, Director, Research, Monitoring and Evaluation, Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion; Éleine De Grandpré, Nutritionist, Planning, Dissemination and Outreach, Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion; Lori Doran, Acting Director, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity (Revision of Canada's Food Guide).

Mary Bush made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/25 10:19 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, October 26, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper
and Rob Merrifield.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Casey for Dave Batters,
Yvon Godin for Penny Priddy,
James Lunney for Rick Dykstra,
Hon. Lawrence MacAulay for Tina Keeper,
Pat Martin for Penny Priddy,
Hon. Anita Neville for Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
and Lui Temelkovski for Hon. Hedy Fry.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Lukiwski.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Odette Madore, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Simon Fraser University:

Lisa Oliver, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Geography.

University of Toronto:

Valerie Tarasuk, Professor, Department of Nutritional Sciences,
Faculty of Medicine.

KMH Cardiology and Diagnostic Centres:

Arvi Grover, Cardiologist and Director, International Heart
Institute.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, October 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper and Rob Merrifield.

Acting Members present: Bill Casey for Dave Batters, Yvon Godin for Penny Priddy, James Lunney for Rick Dykstra, Hon. Lawrence MacAulay for Tina Keeper, Pat Martin for Penny Priddy, Hon. Anita Neville for Hon. Carolyn Bennett and Lui Temelkovski for Hon. Hedy Fry.

Associate Members present: Tom Lukiwski.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Simon Fraser University: Lisa Oliver, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Geography.
University of Toronto: Valerie Tarasuk, Professor, Department of Nutritional Sciences, Faculty of Medicine. *KMH Cardiology and Diagnostic Centres:* Arvi Grover, Cardiologist and Director, International Heart Institute.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:12 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:15 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Ruby Dhalla moved, — That, following the presentation on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, by departmental officials from the Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion in the Health Products and Food Branch, Health Canada immediately table the following documents before the Committee : a draft copy of Canada's Food Guide to be released in 2007 for the preview of the Committee; a list of all the stakeholders, organizations and individuals consulted for the drafting of the Food Guide and their respective suggestions; and a list of the questions put forward for consultations.

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed, — That the debate be now adjourned.

At 5:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/27 4:25 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation:

Robert Hindle, Member of the Board of Directors, JDRF Canada
and JDRF International;
Josée Goulet, President and Chief Executive Officer, JDRF
Canada;
Chloe Rudichuk, Cure Special Agent;
Mitchell Burke, Cure Special Agent.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Hon. Hedy Fry, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Participants present: Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation: Robert Hindle, Member of the Board of Directors, JDRF Canada and JDRF International; Josée Goulet, President and Chief Executive Officer, JDRF Canada; Chloe Rudichuk, Cure Special Agent; Mitchell Burke, Cure Special Agent.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:36 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:42 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Nicole Demers, it was agreed, — That, following Health Canada's decision to grant licences to Mentor and Inamed to once again market their silicone gel-filled breast implants, the Committee requests that: Health Canada officials appear before the Committee to explain their decision; the Committee obtain all of the studies or research that Health Canada considered in making its decision; lastly, that the Committee receive a list of all the researchers who were consulted or whose studies were taken into consideration.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Ruby Dhalla, — That, following the presentation on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, by departmental officials from the Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion in the Health Products and Food Branch, Health Canada immediately table the following documents before the Committee: a draft copy of Canada's Food Guide to be released in 2007 for the preview of the Committee; a list of all the stakeholders, organizations and individuals consulted for the drafting of the Food Guide and their respective suggestions; and a list of the questions put forward for consultations.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

On motion of Christiane Gagnon, it was agreed, — Whereas a number of witnesses who appeared before the Standing Committee on Health to discuss the contents of the new Canada's Food Guide, scheduled for publication in early 2007, made disturbing criticisms of that content, and

In order to determine whether certain opinions that appear to be both relevant and troubling were taken into consideration with a view to making Canada's Food Guide more effective and better adapted to contemporary reality,

We call upon Health Canada to produce the following papers: the preliminary version of the new Canada's Food Guide, submitted for consultation purposes in September 2006.

At 5:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/01 3:16 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, November 2, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Stephen Owen for Ruby Dhalla.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

University of Alberta:

Paul J. Veugelers, Associate Professor, School of Public Health.

University of British Columbia:

Lawrence Frank, Bombardier Chair in Sustainable Transportation,
School of Community and Regional Planning.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

Gord Steeves, First Vice-President, Councillor, City of Winnipeg;
John Burrett, Senior Manager, Social Policy, Policy, Advocacy and
Communications Department.

Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada:

Stephen Samis, Chair;
Jean Harvey, Interim Executive Director.

Canola Council of Canada:

Barbara Isman, President.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, November 2, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met by videoconference at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Hon. Hedy Fry, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Hon. Stephen Owen for Ruby Dhalla.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of Alberta: Paul J. Veugelers, Associate Professor, School of Public Health. *University of British Columbia:* Lawrence Frank, Bombardier Chair in Sustainable Transportation, School of Community and Regional Planning. *Federation of Canadian Municipalities:* Gord Steeves, First Vice-President, Councillor, City of Winnipeg; John Burrett, Senior Manager, Social Policy, Policy, Advocacy and Communications Department. *Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada:* Stephen Samis, Chair; Jean Harvey, Interim Executive Director. *Canola Council of Canada:* Barbara Isman, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

Paul J. Veugelers and Gord Steeves (including Lawrence Frank by videoconference from Vancouver, British Columbia) made statements and answered questions.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:39 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Stephen Samis and Barbara Isman made statements and answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/03 3:51 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak:
George Neepin, Chief.

National Association of Friendship Centres:
Peter Dinsdale, Executive Director.

Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre:
Lorne Craig Keeper, Executive Director.

Tungasuvvingat Inuit:
Christine Lund, Diabetes Awareness and Prevention Coordinator;
Connie Seidule, Program Coordinator, Inuit Family Resource
Centre;
Ernie Kadloo, Child and Family Programs Facilitator.

Aboriginal Nutrition Network:
Bernadette deGonzague, Registered Dietitian.

Affordable Food Alliance:
Jim Deyell, Director, Public Affairs, Northern Canada;
Alasdair MacGregor, Retail Store Advisor, Store Development
Services;
Helen Barry, Retail Store Advisor, Store Development Services.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Hon. Hedy Fry, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst.

Witnesses: Manitoba Keewatinowí Okimakanak: George Neepin, Chief. *National Association of Friendship Centres:* Peter Dinsdale, Executive Director. *Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre:* Lorne Craig Keeper, Executive Director. *Tungasuvvingat Inuit:* Christine Lund, Diabetes Coordinator; Connie Seidule, Program Coordinator, Inuit Family Resource Centre; Ernie Kadloo, Child and Family Programs Facilitator. *Aboriginal Nutrition Network:* Bernadette deGonzague, Registered Dietitian. *Affordable Food Alliance:* Jim Deyell, Director, Public Affairs, Northern Canada; Alasdair MacGregor, Retail Store Advisor, Store Development Services; Helen Barry, Retail Store Advisor, Store Development Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

Peter Dinsdale, George Neepin, Lorne Craig Keeper, Connie Seidule, Christine Lund, Bernadette deGonzague and Jim Deyell made statements and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/08 5:31 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, November 9, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown for Ruby Dhalla,
and Brian Murphy for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Government of Ontario:

Hon. Jim Watson, Minister of Health Promotion;
Jeffery Pearce, Special Assistant, Minister's Office;
Colleen Kiel, Senior Consultant, Ministry of Health Promotion.

Institut national de santé publique du Québec:

Lyne Mongeau, Professional Coordinator.

Northern Health:

Joanne Bays, Regional Manager.

Childhood Obesity Foundation of British Columbia:

Christina Panagiotopoulos, Executive Director.

Infrastructure Canada:

Adam Ostry, Director General, Policy Directorate, Cities and
Communities Branch.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, November 9, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Hon. Hedy Fry, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Bonnie Brown for Ruby Dhalla and Brian Murphy for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Government of Ontario: Hon. Jim Watson, Minister of Health Promotion; Jeffery Pearce, Special Assistant, Minister's Office; Colleen Kiel, Senior Consultant, Ministry of Health Promotion. *Institut national de santé publique du Québec:* Lyne Mongeau, Professional Coordinator. *Northern Health:* Joanne Bays, Regional Manager. *Childhood Obesity Foundation of British Columbia:* Christina Panagiotopoulos, Executive Director. *Infrastructure Canada:* Adam Ostry, Director General, Policy Directorate, Cities and Communities Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

Hon. Jim Watson, Lyne Mongeau, Joanne Bays, Christina Panagiotopoulos and Adam Ostry made statements and answered questions.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/10 9:42 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of silicone gel-filled breast implants.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Preston for Rick Dykstra.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Supriya Sharma, Associate Director General, Therapeutic Products
Directorate;
Mary-Jane Bell, Head, Musculoskeletal Devices, Medical Devices
Division, Therapeutic Products Directorate.

Supriya Sharma made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Hon. Hedy Fry, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Joe Preston for Rick Dykstra.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Supriya Sharma, Associate Director General, Therapeutic Products Directorate; Mary-Jane Bell, Head, Musculoskeletal Devices, Medical Devices Division, Therapeutic Products Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of silicone gel-filled breast implants.

Supriya Sharma made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Nicole Demers moved, — That the Chair of the Committee report to the House of Commons the following motion that was adopted at the meeting on October 31, 2006:

That, following Health Canada's decision to grant licences to Mentor and Inamed to once again market their silicone gel-filled breast implants, the Committee requests that:

- Health Canada officials appear before the Committee to explain their decision;
- the Committee obtain all of the studies or research that Health Canada considered in making its decision;
- and lastly, that the Committee receive a list of all the researchers who were consulted or whose studies were taken into consideration.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Carolyn Bennett, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Hedy Fry, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper, Penny Priddy — 7; NAYS: Dave Batters, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Joe Preston — 4.

Steven John Fletcher moved, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from members of the Conservative Party provided that it is no more than one page in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, in both official languages, no later than Tuesday,

November 28, 2006.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 4:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:51 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Thursday, November 2, 2006, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the following three items of business, referred to the Committee by the House of Commons be studied, before the last sitting day in December:

- the Assisted Human Reproduction Regulations (referred on October 27 – deadline for consideration is January 29, 2007);
- the Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007 (referred on October 30 – deadline for consideration is December 4, 2006 (approx.));
- if possible, Bill S-2, An Act to amend the Hazardous Materials Information Review Act (referred on November 1, 2006).

2. That the summary document of key issues prepared by the analysts for the study on Childhood Obesity be discussed in Committee, along with consideration of possible additional meetings, as well as the drafting of a report.

3. That Health Canada officials appear before the Committee on Tuesday, November 21, 2006, in order to explain the decision to once again market silicone gel-filled breast implants.

4. That the terms of reference for the study on Prescription Drugs be discussed at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2006, and that in preparation for the meeting, members of the Committee be invited to submit their list of priorities for the study as soon as possible.

5. That the Minister of Health be invited to appear before the Committee on Thursday, November 23, 2006, on the Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk be authorized to make the editorial changes previously mentioned by the Chair, without changing the substance of the report.

On motion of Ruby Dhalla, it was agreed, — That the First Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted, as amended.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

The Committee commenced consideration of a document entitled *Childhood Obesity: Summary of Key Issues*.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/23 2:20 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of silicone gel-filled breast implants.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Preston for Rick Dykstra.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Supriya Sharma, Associate Director General, Therapeutic Products Directorate;
Mary-Jane Bell, Head, Musculoskeletal Devices, Medical Devices Division, Therapeutic Products Directorate.

Supriya Sharma made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Hon. Hedy Fry, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Joe Preston for Rick Dykstra.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Supriya Sharma, Associate Director General, Therapeutic Products Directorate; Mary-Jane Bell, Head, Musculoskeletal Devices, Medical Devices Division, Therapeutic Products Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of silicone gel-filled breast implants.

Supriya Sharma made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Nicole Demers moved, — That the Chair of the Committee report to the House of Commons the following motion that was adopted at the meeting on October 31, 2006:

That, following Health Canada's decision to grant licences to Mentor and Inamed to once again market their silicone gel-filled breast implants, the Committee requests that:

- Health Canada officials appear before the Committee to explain their decision;
- the Committee obtain all of the studies or research that Health Canada considered in making its decision;
- and lastly, that the Committee receive a list of all the researchers who were consulted or whose studies were taken into consideration.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Carolyn Bennett, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Hedy Fry, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper, Penny Priddy — 7; NAYS: Dave Batters, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Joe Preston — 4.

Steven John Fletcher moved, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from members of the Conservative Party provided that it is no more than one page in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, in both official languages, no later than Tuesday,

November 28, 2006.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 4:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:51 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Thursday, November 2, 2006, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the following three items of business, referred to the Committee by the House of Commons be studied, before the last sitting day in December:
 - the Assisted Human Reproduction Regulations (referred on October 27 – deadline for consideration is January 29, 2007);
 - the Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007 (referred on October 30 – deadline for consideration is December 4, 2006 (approx.));
 - if possible, Bill S-2, An Act to amend the Hazardous Materials Information Review Act (referred on November 1, 2006).
2. That the summary document of key issues prepared by the analysts for the study on Childhood Obesity be discussed in Committee, along with consideration of possible additional meetings, as well as the drafting of a report.
3. That Health Canada officials appear before the Committee on Tuesday, November 21, 2006, in order to explain the decision to once again market silicone gel-filled breast implants.
4. That the terms of reference for the study on Prescription Drugs be discussed at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2006, and that in preparation for the meeting, members of the Committee be invited to submit their list of priorities for the study as soon as possible.
5. That the Minister of Health be invited to appear before the Committee on Thursday, November 23, 2006, on the Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk be authorized to make the editorial changes previously mentioned by the Chair, without changing the substance of the report.

On motion of Ruby Dhalla, it was agreed, — That the First Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted, as amended.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

The Committee commenced consideration of a document entitled *Childhood Obesity: Summary of Key Issues*.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/23 2:20 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, November 23, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2006-2007: Votes 1a, 15a, 20a, 25a, 30a, 35a and 40a under HEALTH referred to the Committee on Monday, October 30, 2006.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown for Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
and Ken Epp for Rick Dykstra.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Odette Madore, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

WITNESSES:

Public Health Agency of Canada:

David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer;
Luc Ladouceur, Chief Financial Officer.

Department of Health:

Susan Cartwright, Associate Deputy Minister;
Frank Fedyk, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy
Branch;
Chantale Cousineau-Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer, Chief
Financial Officer Branch.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, November 23, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Hon. Hedy Fry, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Bonnie Brown for Hon. Carolyn Bennett and Ken Epp for Rick Dykstra.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

Witnesses: Public Health Agency of Canada: David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer; Luc Ladouceur, Chief Financial Officer. *Department of Health:* Susan Cartwright, Associate Deputy Minister; Frank Fedyk, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy Branch; Chantale Cousineau-Mahoney, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Financial Officer Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2006-2007: Votes 1a, 15a, 20a, 25a, 30a, 35a and 40a under HEALTH referred to the Committee on Monday, October 30, 2006.

The Minister made a statement and, with David Butler-Jones, Susan Cartwright, Frank Fedyk and Chantale Cousineau-Mahoney, answered questions.

At 5:17 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That members of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure meet in order to discuss details of the study on Prescription Drugs to be undertaken by the Committee.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/24 2:17 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of silicone gel-filled breast implants.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Christiane Gagnon,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Preston for Rick Dykstra,
and Anthony Rota for Tina Keeper.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;

Odette Madore, Analyst;

Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Hon. Hedy Fry, Christiane Gagnon, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Joe Preston for Rick Dykstra and Anthony Rota for Tina Keeper.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of silicone gel-filled breast implants.

On motion of Nicole Demers, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Health request that the Minister of Health produce an estimate of the costs associated with the production of the documents requested in the motion adopted by the Committee on October 31, 2006.

At 3:50 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:52 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/29 10:31 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Hon. Hedy Fry, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/06 10:35 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, December 7, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Proposed Regulations under Section 8 of the Assisted Human Reproduction Act, referred to the Committee on Friday, October 27, 2006.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Luc Malo for Christiane Gagnon,
Deepak Obhrai for Rick Dykstra,
and Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:
Hélène Quesnel, Director General, Policy Development
Directorate;
Kata Kitaljevich, Acting Director, Assisted Human Reproduction
Implementation Office;
Francine Manseau, Senior Strategic Policy Advisor, Assisted
Human Reproduction Implementation Office.

Canadian Institutes of Health Research:
Pierre Chartrand, Vice-President, Research;
Burleigh Trevor-Deutsch, Director, Ethics Office.

Hélène Quesnel, Kata Kitaljevich and Burleigh Trevor-Deutsch made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, December 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Hon. Hedy Fry, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Luc Malo for Christiane Gagnon, Deepak Obhrai for Rick Dykstra and Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Hélène Quesnel, Director General, Policy Development Directorate; Kata Kitaljevich, Acting Director, Assisted Human Reproduction Implementation Office; Francine Manseau, Senior Strategic Policy Advisor, Assisted Human Reproduction Implementation Office.

Canadian Institutes of Health Research: Pierre Chartrand, Vice-President, Research; Burleigh Trevor-Deutsch, Director, Ethics Office.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Proposed Regulations under Section 8 of the Assisted Human Reproduction Act, referred to the Committee on Friday, October 27, 2006.

Hélène Quesnel, Kata Kitaljevich and Burleigh Trevor-Deutsch made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/08 2:13 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Proposed Regulations under Section 8 of the Assisted Human Reproduction Act, referred to the Committee on Friday, October 27, 2006.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Christiane Gagnon,
Tina Keeper,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Michael D. Chong for Rick Dykstra,
and Luc Malo for Nicole Demers.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

University of Alberta:

Timothy Caulfield, Professor, Health Law Institute.

Dalhousie University:

Françoise Baylis, Professor, Department of Bioethics, Novel Tech
Ethics.

Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada:

André Lalonde, Executive Vice-President.

Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society:

William Buckett, Chair, Government Relations Committee.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:44 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Hon. Hedy Fry, Christiane Gagnon, Tina Keeper, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Hon. Michael D. Chong for Rick Dykstra and Luc Malo for Nicole Demers.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of Alberta: Timothy Caulfield, Professor, Health Law Institute. *Dalhousie University:* Françoise Baylis, Professor, Department of Bioethics, Novel Tech Ethics. *Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada:* André Lalonde, Executive Vice-President. *Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society:* William Buckett, Chair, Government Relations Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Proposed Regulations under Section 8 of the Assisted Human Reproduction Act, referred to the Committee on Friday, October 27, 2006.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:09 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$7,500.00, for the study on the Proposed Regulations under Section 8 of the Assisted Human Reproduction Act, be adopted.

The Chair presented the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That a meeting on Bill S-2, An Act to amend the Hazardous Materials Information Review Act, referred to the Committee on November 1, 2006, be scheduled for Monday, January 29, 2007; and that the meeting include the appearance by witnesses and the clause by clause study of the bill.
2. That the Committee invite the Auditor General to appear in a televised meeting with respect to Chapters 8 and 10 of her 2006 Report dealing with matters related to the mandate of Health Canada; and

that officials from Health Canada, and any other relevant departments, also be asked to appear at the same meeting, subject to the availability of the Auditor General in late January or early February 2007.

3. That the Committee strive to adopt the draft report on childhood obesity before the adjournment of the House scheduled for Friday, December 15, 2006; and that the report be presented to the House of Commons shortly after Parliament resumes sitting in late January 2007.

4. That, if possible, the Committee conclude the study of the Proposed Regulations under Section 8 of the Assisted Human Reproduction Act, referred to the Committee on October 27, 2006, before the adjournment of the House of Commons scheduled for Friday, December 15, 2006; and that any recommendations with respect to the proposed regulations be presented to the House of Commons as soon as Parliament resumes sitting in late January 2007, in order to meet the required limit of 30 sitting days for the review and report by the Committee on the regulations, as specified in the Act.

5. That the Committee commence its study on Prescription Drugs with the Common Drug Review, shortly after Parliament resumes sitting in late January 2007; to be followed by post-market surveillance and then by drug access for which the analysts will prepare work plans; and that the selection of future themes for this study be done by members of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, based on the list of suggestions submitted by members of the full Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Rob Merrifield.

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Monday, January 29, 2007

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

Monday, January 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Hon. Hedy Fry, Christiane Gagnon, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Bonnie Brown for Ruby Dhalla, Susan Kadis for Tina Keeper and Luc Malo for Nicole Demers.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst; Elizabeth Kuruvila, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Proposed Regulations under Section 8 of the Assisted Human Reproduction Act, referred to the Committee on Friday, October 27, 2006.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

The question: "That the draft report be adopted" was put and was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 3.

ORDERED, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hold hearings by videoconference and defer the decision to travel to the United Kingdom to a later date.

At 4:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke
Committee Clerk

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Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 35

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, November 1, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill S-2, An Act to amend the Hazardous Materials Information Review Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Bonnie Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Raymond Chan for Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
and Lui Temelkovski for Hon. Hedy Fry.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:
Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

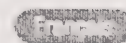
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Hazardous Materials Information Review Commission Canada:

Weldon Newton, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Sharon Watts, Vice-President, Corporate Services Branch and
Adjudication;
Marc-André Dionne, Legal Counsel (Justice Canada).

Miriam Burke
Committee Clerk



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Meeting No. 35

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Bonnie Brown, Patricia Davidson, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Hon. Raymond Chan for Hon. Carolyn Bennett and Lui Temelkovski for Hon. Hedy Fry.

In attendance: House of Commons: Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Hazardous Materials Information Review Commission Canada: Weldon Newton, President and Chief Executive Officer; Sharon Watts, Vice-President, Corporate Services Branch and Adjudication; Marc-André Dionne, Legal Counsel (Justice Canada).

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, November 1, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill S-2, An Act to amend the Hazardous Materials Information Review Act.

Weldon Newton and Sharon Watts made a statement and answered questions.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The Chair called Clause 1.

Clauses 1 to 9 inclusive carried severally.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

At 4:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke
Committee Clerk

2007/02/01 2:39 p.m.

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Meeting No. 36

Monday, February 5, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of a new strategy for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of silicone gel-filled breast implants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo
and Rob Merrifield.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John McKay for Hon. Hedy Fry,
Hon. Stephen Owen for Bonnie Brown,
and Chris Warkentin for Dave Batters.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pat Martin
and Paul Szabo.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Sylvie Stachenko, Deputy Chief Public Health Officer, Health
Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Branch;
Kelly Stone, Director, Childhood and Adolescence, Centre for
Health Promotion.

Department of Health:

Kathy Langlois, Director General, Community Programs
Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch;
Beth Pieterston, Director General, Drug Strategy and Controlled
Substances Programme, Healthy Environments and Consumer
Safety Branch.

Canadian Institutes of Health Research:

Barbara Beckett, Assistant Director, Institute of Neurosciences,
Mental Health and Addiction.

Department of Health:

Neil Yeates, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food
Branch;
Supriya Sharma, Associate Director General, Therapeutic Products
Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Sylvie Stachenko made a statement and, with Kelly Stone, Kathy Langlois and Beth Pieterston, answered questions.

Neil Yeates made a statement and, with Supriya Sharma, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 36

Monday, February 5, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo and Rob Merrifield.

Acting Members present: Hon. John McKay for Hon. Hedy Fry, Hon. Stephen Owen for Bonnie Brown and Chris Warkentin for Dave Batters.

Other Members present: Pat Martin and Paul Szabo.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Public Health Agency of Canada: Sylvie Stachenko, Deputy Chief Public Health Officer, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Branch; Kelly Stone, Director, Division of Childhood and Adolescence. *Department of Health:* Kathy Langlois, Director General, Community Programs Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Beth Pieterston, Director General, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch. *Canadian Institutes of Health Research:* Barbara Beckett, Assistant Director, Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction. *Department of Health:* Neil Yeates, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Supriya Sharma, Associate Director General, Therapeutic Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of a new strategy for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the response of the government to the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Health, "Even One is Too Many: A Call for a Comprehensive Action Plan for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder", presented to the House on Wednesday, January 17, 2007.

Sylvie Stachenko made a statement and, with Kelly Stone, Kathy Langlois and Beth Pieterston, answered questions.

At 4:34 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:39 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 11, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of silicone gel-filled breast implants.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the response of the government to the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Health, "Silicone Gel-filled Implants: Areas of Concern", presented to the House on Wednesday, January 17, 2007.

Neil Yeates made a statement and, with Supriya Sharma, answered questions.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/06 3:07 p.m.

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Clerk of the Committee: Carmen DePape.

Meeting No. 37

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Chapter 8 - Allocating Funds to Regulatory Programs; Chapter 10 - Award and Management of a Health Benefits Contract).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Bonnie Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis
and Luc Malo.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Hedy Fry for Colleen Beaumier,
Cheryl Gallant for Rob Merrifield,
and Pat Martin for Penny Priddy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Odette Madore, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General;
Louise Dubé, Principal.

Department of Health:

Susan Cartwright, Associate Deputy Minister;
Neil Yeates, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food
Branch;
Susan Fletcher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environments
and Consumer Safety Branch;
Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit
Health Branch;
Richard Charlebois, Director General, Financial Operations
Directorate (FOD).

Sheila Fraser and Susan Cartwright made statements and, with the other witnesses,
answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 37

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Christiane Gagnon, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patricia Davidson, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis and Luc Malo.

Acting Members present: Hon. Hedy Fry for Colleen Beaumier, Cheryl Gallant for Rob Merrifield and Pat Martin for Penny Priddy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Louise Dubé, Principal. *Department of Health:* Susan Cartwright, Associate Deputy Minister; Neil Yeates, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Susan Fletcher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Richard Charlebois, Director General, Financial Operations Directorate (FOD).

The Clerk informed the Committee of the resignation of Carolyn Bennett as First Vice-Chair.

Accordingly, pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a First Vice-Chair.

On motion of Carolyn Bennett, it was agreed, — That Susan Kadis be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Chapter 8 - Allocating Funds to Regulatory Programs; Chapter 10 - Award and Management of a Health Benefits Contract).

Sheila Fraser and Susan Cartwright made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/08 4:17 p.m.

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Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 38

Monday, February 12, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Bonnie Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Trans Fat Task Force:

Sally Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and Co-Chair of the Task Force;
Paul Hetherington, President and Chief Executive Officer, Baking Association of Canada and Member of the Task Force;
Joyce Reynolds, Senior Vice-President, Government Affairs, Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association and Member of the Task Force.

Canadian Cardiovascular Society:

Anne Ferguson, Chief Executive Officer.

University of Guelph:

Alejandro Marangoni, Professor, Department of Food Science.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 38

Monday, February 12, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patricia Davidson, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Trans Fat Task Force: Sally Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and Co-Chair of the Task Force; Paul Hetherington, President and Chief Executive Officer, Baking Association of Canada and Member of the Task Force; Joyce Reynolds, Senior Vice-President, Government Affairs, Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association and Member of the Task Force. *Canadian Cardiovascular Society:* Anne Ferguson, Chief Executive Officer. *University of Guelph:* Alejandro Marangoni, Professor, Department of Food Science.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Bonnie Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Action Schools! BC:

Heather McKay, Principal Investigator, Professor, University of British Columbia and Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute.

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Kelly Stone, Director, Childhood and Adolescence, Centre for Health Promotion.

Department of Health:

Marie-France Lamarche, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention, Community Programs Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch;

Ann Ellis, Nutrition Advisor, Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion, Health Products and Food Branch.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development :

Joan Katz, Director, Education Planning and Policy, Education Branch.

Nova Scotia Department of Health:

Farida Gabbani, Senior Director, Office of Health Promotion, Sport and Recreation Division.

Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance:

Andrea Grantham, Executive Director.

Kelly Stone, Joan Katz, Heather McKay, Farida Gabbani and Andrea Grantham made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patricia Davidson, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Action Schools! BC: Heather McKay, Principal Investigator, Professor, University of British Columbia and Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute. *Public Health Agency of Canada:* Kelly Stone, Director, Childhood and Adolescence, Centre for Health Promotion. *Department of Health:* Marie-France Lamarche, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention, Community Programs Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Ann Ellis, Nutrition Advisor, Office of Nutrition Policy and Promotion, Health Products and Food Branch. *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development :* Joan Katz, Director, Education Planning and Policy, Education Branch. *Nova Scotia Department of Health:* Farida Gabbani, Senior Director, Office of Health Promotion, Sport and Recreation Division. *Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance:* Andrea Grantham, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

Kelly Stone, Joan Katz, Heather McKay, Farida Gabbani and Andrea Grantham made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/15 1:49 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 40

Monday, February 19, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Bonnie Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Luc Malo
and Rob Merrifield.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Olivia Chow for Penny Priddy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Food Standards Agency UK:

Deirdre Hutton, Chair, UK Headquarters;
Gill Fine, Director, Consumer Choice and Dietary Health;
Rosemary Hignett, Head, Nutrition Division.

House of Commons of the United Kingdom:

Right Hon. Richard Caborn, Minister of State (Sport), Department
for Culture, Media and Sport.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 40

Monday, February 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met by videoconference at 10:05 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patricia Davidson, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Luc Malo and Rob Merrifield.

Acting Members present: Olivia Chow for Penny Priddy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Food Standards Agency UK: Deirdre Hutton, Chair, UK Headquarters; Gill Fine, Director, Consumer Choice and Dietary Health; Rosemary Hignett, Head, Nutrition Division. *House of Commons of the United Kingdom:* Right Hon. Richard Caborn, Minister of State (Sport), Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

Deirdre Hutton, Gill Fine and Rosemary Hignett made statements and answered questions.

At 11:10 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:29 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Right Hon. Richard Caborn made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/20 10:41 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 41

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Bonnie Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Susan Kadis,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Nicole Demers for Christiane Gagnon,
Réal Ménard for Luc Malo,
and Hon. Raymond Simard for Susan Kadis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;

Odette Madore, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Janet Beauvais, Director General, Health Products and Food
Branch, Food Directorate.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety.

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada:

Sally Brown, Chief Executive Officer;
Carol Dombrow, Nutrition Consultant.

McCain Foods Canada:

Fred Schaeffer, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Centre for Science in the Public Interest:

Bill Jeffery, National Coordinator.

Janet Beauvais, Debra Bryanton, Sally Brown, Bill Jeffery and Fred Schaeffer made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 41

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Bonnie Brown, Patricia Davidson, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Susan Kadis, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Nicole Demers for Christiane Gagnon, Réal Ménard for Luc Malo and Hon. Raymond Simard for Susan Kadis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Janet Beauvais, Director General, Health Products and Food Branch, Food Directorate. *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety. *Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada:* Sally Brown, Chief Executive Officer; Carol Dombrow, Nutrition Consultant. *McCain Foods Canada:* Fred Schaeffer, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Centre for Science in the Public Interest:* Bill Jeffery, National Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

Janet Beauvais, Debra Bryanton, Sally Brown, Bill Jeffery and Fred Schaeffer made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/23 4:38 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 42

Monday, February 26, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Rick Dykstra,
Christiane Gagnon,
Luc Malo
and Rob Merrifield.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Michael D. Chong for Steven John Fletcher,
Laurie Hawn for Patricia Davidson,
Laurie Hawn for Rob Merrifield,
Pat Martin for Penny Priddy,
Glen Douglas Pearson for Bonnie Brown,
Scott Simms for Susan Kadis,
and Mike Wallace for Dave Batters.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Odette Madore, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Tesco PLC:

Karen Tonks, Chief Nutritionist.

King's College London:

Tom Sanders, Head, Nutritional Sciences Research Division.

UK Food and Drink Federation:

Jane Holdsworth, Consultant to the Food Industry.

University College London:

Roger Mackett, Professor, Centre for Transport Studies.

University of London:

Sandy Oliver, Reader in Public Policy, Social Science Research Unit, Institute of Education.

Health Education Trust:

Joe Harvey, Director.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 42

Monday, February 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met by videoconference at 10:19 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Acting Chair, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Rick Dykstra, Christiane Gagnon, Luc Malo and Rob Merrifield.

Acting Members present: Hon. Michael D. Chong for Steven John Fletcher, Laurie Hawn for Patricia Davidson, Laurie Hawn for Rob Merrifield, Pat Martin for Penny Priddy, Glen Douglas Pearson for Bonnie Brown, Scott Simms for Susan Kadis and Mike Wallace for Dave Batters.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Tesco PLC: Karen Tonks, Chief Nutritionist. *King's College London:* Tom Sanders, Head, Nutritional Sciences Research Division. *UK Food and Drink Federation:* Jane Holdsworth, Consultant to the Food Industry. *University College London:* Roger Mackett, Professor, Centre for Transport Studies. *University of London:* Sandy Oliver, Reader in Public Policy, Social Science Research Unit, Institute of Education. *Health Education Trust:* Joe Harvey, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

Karen Tonks made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:02 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Tom Sanders, Jane Holdsworth, Roger Mackett and Sandy Oliver made statements and answered questions.

At 12:18 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:27 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Rob Merrifield took the Chair.

Joe Harvey made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/28 9:18 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 43

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Bonnie Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo
and Rob Merrifield.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht for Steven John Fletcher,
Pat Martin for Penny Priddy,
Louis Plamondon for Luc Malo,
and Hon. Belinda Stronach for Colleen Beaumier.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 43

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patricia Davidson, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo and Rob Merrifield.

Acting Members present: Harold Albrecht for Steven John Fletcher, Pat Martin for Penny Priddy, Louis Plamondon for Luc Malo and Hon. Belinda Stronach for Colleen Beaumier.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

At 3:40 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Christiane Gagnon moved, — That, whereas the Standing Committee on Health will, in the coming weeks, begin a study on prescription drugs; whereas the Common Drug Review has been conducting reviews since 2003 and has been making recommendations to the provinces as regards prescription drugs that should be covered by publicly funded drug plans; and whereas this review process overlaps with processes that already exist in every province, thus duplicating responsibilities and costs; therefore, it is recommended that the Standing Committee on Health write a letter to the Auditor General for Canada asking her to look into the mandate, costs, management and effectiveness of the Common Drug Review.

Debate arose thereon.

Rick Dykstra moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the words “,after the Committee has completed an examination of the Common Drug Review as part of its study on Prescription Drugs,” after the words “recommended that”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Rick Dykstra and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 8.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 3.

At 3:55 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/01 11:40 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

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Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 6:32 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patricia Davidson, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst. *House of Commons:* James Latimer, Committee Clerk.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 9:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/21 4:37 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Bonnie Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Louise Thibault for Luc Malo.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Courtney Banman;
Pam Miles-Séguin.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patricia Davidson, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Louise Thibault for Luc Malo.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Courtney Banman; Pam Miles-Séguin.

At 3:42 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Childhood Obesity.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Healthy Weights for Healthy Kids.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from Christiane Gagnon, MP, and Luc Malo, MP, from the Bloc québécois, provided that it is no more than four pages in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee in both official languages, no later than 1:00 p.m., on Friday, March 23, 2007.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/22 4:27 p.m.

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Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 46

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 under HEALTH referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Bonnie Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Rick Dykstra,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Luc Malo,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Joe McGuire for Susan Kadis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Odette Madore, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Patented Medicine Prices Review Board:

Brien G. Benoit, Chairperson;
Barbara Ouellet, Executive Director.

Canadian Institutes of Health Research:

Alan Bernstein, President;
James Roberge, Chief Financial Officer;
Pierre Chartrand, Vice-President, Research.

Brien G. Benoit and Alan Bernstein made statements and, with Barbara Ouellet and James Roberge, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 46

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patricia Davidson, Rick Dykstra, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Luc Malo, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Hon. Joe McGuire for Susan Kadis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Patented Medicine Prices Review Board: Brien G. Benoit, Chairperson; Barbara Ouellet, Executive Director. *Canadian Institutes of Health Research:* Alan Bernstein, President; James Roberge, Chief Financial Officer; Pierre Chartrand, Vice-President, Research.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 15, 20 and 30 under HEALTH referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

Brien G. Benoit and Alan Bernstein made statements and, with Barbara Ouellet and James Roberge, answered questions.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/29 1:13 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Vice-Chair: Christiane Gagnon.

Meeting No. 47

Monday, April 16, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Bonnie Brown,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Luc Malo
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Mark Eyking for Susan Kadis,
and James Lunney for Rob Merrifield.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Odette Madore, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Rx & D):

Russell Williams, President;

Mark Ferdinand, Vice-President, Policy, Research, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs.

Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association:

Jim Keon, President.

AMGEN Canada Inc.:

Daniel Billen, Vice-President and General Manager.

BIOTEC Canada:

Peter Brenders, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Sean Thompson, Director, Corporate Development, YM Biosciences Inc..

Russell Williams, Jim Keon, Daniel Billen, Peter Brenders and Sean Thompson made statements and, with Mark Ferdinand, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 47

Monday, April 16, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Christiane Gagnon, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Bonnie Brown, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Luc Malo and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Hon. Mark Eyking for Susan Kadis and James Lunney for Rob Merrifield.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Rx & D): Russell Williams, President; Mark Ferdinand, Vice-President, Policy, Research, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs.

Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association: Jim Keon, President. *AMGEN Canada Inc.:* Daniel Billen, Vice-President and General Manager. *BIOTEC Canada:* Peter Brenders, President and Chief Executive Officer; Sean Thompson, Director, Corporate Development, YM Biosciences Inc..

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs (Common Drug Review).

Russell Williams, Jim Keon, Daniel Billen, Peter Brenders and Sean Thompson made statements and, with Mark Ferdinand, answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/17 3:17 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 48

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, March 29, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-42, An Act to amend the Quarantine Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Bonnie Brown,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Robert C. Clarke, Deputy Chief Public Health Officer, Infectious
Disease and Emergency Preparedness;

Howard Njoo, Director General, Centre for Emergency
Preparedness and Response;

Dennis Brodie, Manager, Legislative and Regulatory Policy
Group;

John Cuningham, Senior Counsel.

Robert C. Clarke made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 48

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Public Health Agency of Canada: Robert C. Clarke, Deputy Chief Public Health Officer, Infectious Disease and Emergency Preparedness; Howard Njoo, Director General, Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response; Dennis Brodie, Manager, Legislative and Regulatory Policy Group; John Cuninghame, Senior Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, March 29, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-42, An Act to amend the Quarantine Act.

Robert C. Clarke made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/19 11:59 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 49

Monday, April 23, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Bonnie Brown,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Odette Madore, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister and Chair of the Federal
Healthcare Partnership.

Department of Health:

Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit
Health Branch;
Abby Hoffman, Executive Coordinator and Associate Assistant
Deputy Minister, Pharmaceuticals Management Strategies, Health
Policy Branch;
Scott Doidge, Manager, Pharmacy Group, Non-Insured Health
Benefits Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Department of National Defence:

Dave Cecillon, Pharmacy Policy and Standards.

Verna Bruce, Ian Potter and LCol Dave Cecillon made statements and, with Abby Hoffman, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 49

Monday, April 23, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Bonnie Brown, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs: Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister and Chair of the Federal Healthcare Partnership. *Department of Health:* Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Abby Hoffman, Executive Coordinator and Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Pharmaceuticals Management Strategies, Health Policy Branch; Scott Doidge, Manager, Pharmacy Group, Non-Insured Health Benefits Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch. *Department of National Defence:* Dave Cecillon, Pharmacy Policy and Standards.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs (Common Drug Review).

Verna Bruce, Ian Potter and LCol Dave Cecillon made statements and, with Abby Hoffman, answered questions.

At 5:02 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:07 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That additional witnesses be invited to appear on Bill C-42, An Act to amend the Quarantine Act, the afternoon of Wednesday, May 2, 2007, and that following their testimony the Committee decide whether more information is necessary before proceeding with the clause by clause consideration of the Bill.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Health meet in order to determine the number of meetings and the selection of witnesses for the study on the Common Drug Review, as part of the larger study on Prescription Drugs.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/24 2:36 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 50

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Bonnie Brown,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Odette Madore, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Conference of Deputy Ministers of Health:

John Wright, Co-Chair and Deputy Minister, Saskatchewan Health, Government of Saskatchewan;

Ed Hunt, Chair of the Board of Directors, Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health, and Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Health and Community Services, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health:

Jill M. Sanders, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Mike Tierney, Vice-President, Common Drug Review;

Braden Manns, Chair, Canadian Expert Drug Advisory Committee.

British Columbia Ministry of Health:

Robert Nakagawa, Assistant Deputy Minister, Pharmaceutical Services.

John Wright, Jill M. Sanders and Robert Nakagawa made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 50

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Conference of Deputy Ministers of Health: John Wright, Co-Chair and Deputy Minister, Saskatchewan Health, Government of Saskatchewan; Ed Hunt, Chair of the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health Board of Directors and Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Health and Community Services, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. *Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health:* Jill M. Sanders, President and Chief Executive Officer; Mike Tierney, Vice-President, Common Drug Review; Braden Manns, Chair, Canadian Expert Drug Advisory Committee. *British Columbia Ministry of Health:* Robert Nakagawa, Assistant Deputy Minister, Pharmaceutical Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs (Common Drug Review).

John Wright, Jill M. Sanders and Robert Nakagawa made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/26 1:44 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 51

Monday, April 30, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Bonnie Brown,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Cancer Care Ontario:

Debbie Milliken, Director, Provincial Drug Reimbursement Programs.

Cancer Advocacy Coalition of Canada:

William Hryniuk, Director and Past Chair.

Princess Margaret Hospital:

Jennifer Knox, Oncologist, University Health Network.

Canadian Breast Cancer Network:

Diana Ermel, President;
Jackie Manthorne, Executive Director.

Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada:

Barry D. Stein, President.

Debbie Milliken, William Hryniuk, Jennifer Knox, Diana Ermel and Barry D. Stein made statements and, with Jackie Manthorne, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 51

Monday, April 30, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Cancer Care Ontario: Debbie Milliken, Director, Provincial Drug Reimbursement Programs. *Cancer Advocacy Coalition of Canada:* William Hryniuk, Director and Past Chair. *Princess Margaret Hospital:* Jennifer Knox, Oncologist, University Health Network. *Canadian Breast Cancer Network:* Diana Ermel, President; Jackie Manthorne, Executive Director. *Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada:* Barry D. Stein, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs (Common Drug Review).

Debbie Milliken, William Hryniuk, Jennifer Knox, Diana Ermel and Barry D. Stein made statements and, with Jackie Manthorne, answered questions.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 52

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs..

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Bonnie Brown,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo
and Rob Merrifield.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Olivia Chow for Penny Priddy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Odette Madore, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

The Fraser Institute:

Brett Skinner, Director, Pharmaceutical and Insurance Policy
Research.

Canadian Diabetes Association:

Michael Howlett, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Karen Philp, Vice-President, Public Policy.

Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders:

Durhane Wong-Rieger, President.

Brett Skinner, Michael Howlett and Durhane Wong-Rieger made statements and, with Karen Philp, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 52

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo and Rob Merrifield.

Acting Members present: Olivia Chow for Penny Priddy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: The Fraser Institute: Brett Skinner, Director, Pharmaceutical and Insurance Policy Research. *Canadian Diabetes Association:* Michael Howlett, President and Chief Executive Officer; Karen Philp, Vice-President, Public Policy. *Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders:* Durhane Wong-Rieger, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs (Common Drug Review).

Brett Skinner, Michael Howlett and Durhane Wong-Rieger made statements and, with Karen Philp, answered questions.

At 5:17 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Third Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure for consideration by the Committee.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/03 11:07 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 53

Monday, May 7, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 under HEALTH referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Bonnie Brown,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynne Yelich for Rahim Jaffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Odette Madore, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister;
Marcel Nouvet, Acting Chief Financial Officer;
Frank Fedyk, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy
Branch.

Public Health Agency of Canada:

David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer;
Luc Ladouceur, Chief Financial Officer.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 53

Monday, May 7, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Lynne Yelich for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister; Marcel Nouvet, Acting Chief Financial Officer; Frank Fedyk, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy Branch. *Public Health Agency of Canada:* David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer; Luc Ladouceur, Chief Financial Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 under HEALTH referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

The Chair called Vote 1 under HEALTH.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Vote 1 under HEALTH carried.

Vote 5 under HEALTH carried.

Vote 10 under HEALTH carried.

Vote 15 under HEALTH carried.

Vote 20 under HEALTH carried.

Vote 25 under HEALTH carried.

Vote 30 under HEALTH carried.

Vote 35 under HEALTH carried.

Vote 40 under HEALTH carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under HEALTH to the House.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/08 3:39 p.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 54

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Bonnie Brown,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Rahim Jaffer,
Luc Malo
and Rob Merrifield.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Hedy Fry for Susan Kadis,
and Wayne Marston for Penny Priddy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

York University:

Joel Lexchin, Professor, School of Health Policy and Management.

As Individuals:

David Bougher, former member of the Federal, Provincial and
Territorial Pharmaceutical Issues Committee;
Linda Tennant, former member of the Federal, Provincial and
Territorial Pharmaceutical Issues Committee.

University of Toronto:

Janis Miyasaki, Associate Clinical Director and Chair of the
Technology and Therapeutics Assessment Subcommittee,
American Academy of Neurology.

Best Medicines Coalition:

Louise Binder, Chair;
Linda Wilhelm, Operations Committee member.

Ward Health Strategies:

Elisabeth Fowler, Vice-President, Health Policy.

Joel Lexchin, David Bougher, Linda Tennant, Janis Miyasaki (by videoconference from Toronto, Ontario), Louise Binder and Elisabeth Fowler made statements and, with Linda Wilhelm, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 54

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met by videoconference at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Rahim Jaffer, Luc Malo and Rob Merrifield.

Acting Members present: Hon. Hedy Fry for Susan Kadis and Wayne Marston for Penny Priddy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst.

Witnesses: York University: Joel Lexchin, Professor, School of Health Policy and Management. *As individuals:* David Bougher, former member of the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Pharmaceutical Issues Committee; Linda Tennant, former member of the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Pharmaceutical Issues Committee. *University of Toronto:* Janis Miyasaki, Associate Clinical Director and Chair of the Technology and Therapeutics Assessment Subcommittee, American Academy of Neurology. *Best Medicines Coalition:* Louise Binder, Chair; Linda Wilhelm, Operations Committee member. *Ward Health Strategies:* Elisabeth Fowler, Vice-President, Health Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs (Common Drug Review).

Joel Lexchin, David Bougher, Linda Tennant, Janis Miyasaki (by videoconference from Toronto, Ontario), Louise Binder and Elisabeth Fowler made statements and, with Linda Wilhelm, answered questions.

At 5:23 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:24 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bonnie Brown gave a notice of motion.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk not proceed with arrangements for a possible meeting by videoconference with officials from the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence in the United Kingdom, the morning of Monday, May 14, 2007, due to the fact that many members of the Committee would not be able to attend the meeting because of scheduling problems.

It was agreed, — That officials from the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health be asked to appear again before the Committee at the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 2007, on the issue of the Common Drug Review.

It was agreed, — That members of the Committee wishing to attend the 19th IUHPE World Conference

on Health Promotion and Health Education, being held in Vancouver from June 10 to 15, 2007, make the necessary arrangements for travel, accommodations and registration through staff in their own offices, without cost to the Committee.

On motion of Bonnie Brown, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget for the study on Prescription Drugs, in the amount of \$29,450 for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, be adopted.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 55

Monday, May 14, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Bonnie Brown,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
and Yvon Lévesque for Christiane Gagnon.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Medical Association:

John Haggie, Chair, Board Working Group on Pharmaceutical
Issues;
Briane Scharfstein, Associate Secretary General.

Mood Disorders Society of Canada:

Phil Upshall, National Executive Director.

St. Michael's Hospital:

Andreas Laupacis, Director, Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute and
former Chair of the Canadian Expert Drug Advisory Committee.

Hit the slope for hope:

Michelle Calvert, Chair;
Sarah Calvert, Spokesperson.

John Haggie, Phil Upshall, Andreas Laupacis, Sarah and Michelle Calvert made
statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 55

Monday, May 14, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Bonnie Brown, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Carolyn Bennett and Yvon Lévesque for Christiane Gagnon.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Medical Association: John Haggie, Chair, Board Working Group on Pharmaceutical Issues; Briane Scharfstein, Associate Secretary General. *Mood Disorders Society of Canada:* Phil Upshall, National Executive Director. *St. Michael's Hospital:* Andreas Laupacis, Director, Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute and former Chair of the Canadian Expert Drug Advisory Committee. *Hit the slope for hope:* Michelle Calvert, Chair; Sarah Calvert, Spokesperson.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs (Common Drug Review).

John Haggie, Phil Upshall, Andreas Laupacis, Sarah and Michelle Calvert made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:05 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bonnie Brown moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health convene a meeting on Wednesday, May 30, 2007, in order to hear from officials from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the Pest Management Regulatory Agency and the Hazardous Materials Information Review Commission about any regulatory changes they are contemplating.

Debate arose thereon.

Patrick Brown moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “regulatory changes” with the words “regulatory changes pertaining to the harmonization with the United States under NAFTA”.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 5:16 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

It was agreed. — That the Committee pursue its study on Prescription Drugs in the fall beginning with the issue of post-market surveillance.

It was agreed. — That meetings be held in accordance with the calendar distributed to members of the Committee on May 14, 2007, with the understanding that the meeting with officials from the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health, on the subject of the Common Drug Review, be moved to June 6, 2007; and that the Committee proceed with the consideration of the draft report on the Common Drug Review on June 4, 2007, in the event that the study on Bill C-42, An Act to amend the Quarantine Act, is completed on that day.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 56

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Bonnie Brown,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Rahim Jaffer,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Guy André for Luc Malo,
and Nicole Demers for Christiane Gagnon.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Joe McGuire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst;

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

University of British Columbia:

Steve Morgan, Assistant Professor, Centre for Health Services and Policy Research.

University of Alberta:

Devidas Menon, Professor, School of Public Health.

As an Individual:

Jean-Claude St-Onge, Author and Professor at Lionel-Groulx College.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 56

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Bonnie Brown, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Rahim Jaffer, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Guy André for Luc Malo and Nicole Demers for Christiane Gagnon.

Other Members present: Hon. Joe McGuire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of British Columbia: Steve Morgan, Assistant Professor, Centre for Health Services and Policy Research. *University of Alberta:* Devidas Menon, Professor, School of Public Health. *As an individual:* Jean-Claude St-Onge, Author and Professor at Lionel-Groulx College.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs (Common Drug Review).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:14 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That officials from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the Pest Management Regulatory Agency and the Hazardous Materials Information Review Commission, previously scheduled to appear before the Committee on May 30 on the subject of possible regulatory changes, be now asked to appear on May 28 with the addition of officials from Health Canada; and that in order to accommodate this change, the meeting previously scheduled on Bill C-42, An Act to amend the Quarantine Act, be now moved to May 30, 2007.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

The Committee provided drafting instructions for the preparation of the draft report on the Common Drug Review, as part of the study on Prescription Drugs.

At 5:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/17 3:29 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 57

Monday, May 28, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, May 14, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on possible regulatory changes.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Bonnie Brown,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Pest Management Regulatory Agency:

Richard Aucoin, Chief Registrar and Director General,
Registration Directorate;
Peter Chan, Director General, Health Evaluation Directorate.

Hazardous Materials Information Review Commission:

Sharon Watts, Vice-President, Corporate Services and
Adjudication Branch.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 57

Monday, May 28, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Pest Management Regulatory Agency: Richard Aucoin, Chief Registrar and Director General, Registration Directorate; Peter Chan, Director General, Health Evaluation Directorate. *Hazardous Materials Information Review Commission:* Sharon Watts, Vice-President, Corporate Services and Adjudication Branch. *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, May 14, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on possible regulatory changes.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/29 2:38 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 58

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, March 29, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-42, An Act to amend the Quarantine Act.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Bonnie Brown,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Mark Eyking for Colleen Beaumier.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

British Columbia Ministry of Health:

Perry Kendall, Provincial Health Officer, Public Health.

Institut national de santé publique du Québec:

Monique Douville-Fradet, Medical Consultant, Biological,
Environmental and Occupational Hazards Directorate.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 58

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met by videoconference at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Hon. Mark Eyking for Colleen Beaumier.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: British Columbia Ministry of Health: Perry Kendall, Provincial Health Officer, Public Health. *Institut national de santé publique du Québec:* Monique Douville-Fradet, Medical Consultant, Biological, Environmental and Occupational Hazards Directorate.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, March 29, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-42, An Act to amend the Quarantine Act.

Perry Kendall (by videoconference from Victoria, B.C.) and Monique Douville-Fradet made statements and answered questions.

At 4:58 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:01 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/31 2:43 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 59

Monday, June 4, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, May 14, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on possible regulatory changes.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, March 29, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-42, An Act to amend the Quarantine Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Bonnie Brown,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Rahim Jaffer,
Susan Kadis,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Maloney for Colleen Beaumier,
and Robert Vincent for Luc Malo.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada:

Paul Haddow, Director General, International Affairs.

Department of Industry:

Alain Beaudoin, Director General, Innovation Partnerships Branch.

Department of Health:

Daniel Chaput, Associate Director General, Food Directorate,
Health Products and Food Branch.

Public Health Agency of Canada:

David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer;
Keith Pritchard, Senior Policy Advisor, Centre for Emergency
Preparedness and Response, Infectious Disease and Emergency
Preparedness Branch.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Emmy Verdun, Executive Director, International Affairs.

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Jane Allain, General Counsel, Legal Services;
Dennis Brodie, Manager, Legislative and Regulatory Policy
Group.

Paul Haddow and Alain Beaudoin made statements and, with Daniel Chaput, David Butler-Jones, Emmy Verdun and Jane Allain, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 59

Monday, June 4, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Rahim Jaffer, Susan Kadis, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: John Maloney for Colleen Beaumier and Robert Vincent for Luc Malo.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada: Paul Haddow, Director General, International Affairs. *Department of Industry:* Alain Beaudoin, Director General, Innovation Partnerships Branch. *Department of Health:* Daniel Chaput, Associate Director General, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch. *Public Health Agency of Canada:* David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer; Keith Pritchard, Senior Policy Advisor, Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Infectious Disease and Emergency Preparedness Branch. *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Emmy Verdun, Executive Director, International Affairs. *Public Health Agency of Canada:* Jane Allain, General Counsel, Legal Services; Dennis Brodie, Manager, Legislative and Regulatory Policy Group.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, May 14, 2007, the Committee proceeded to a second briefing on possible regulatory changes.

Paul Haddow and Alain Beaudoin made statements and, with Daniel Chaput, David Butler-Jones, Emmy Verdun and Jane Allain, answered questions.

At 4:47 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:53 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, March 29, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-42, An Act to amend the Quarantine Act.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The Chair called Clause 1.

David Butler-Jones and Jane Allain answered questions.

On Clause 1,

Steven John Fletcher moved, — That Bill C-42, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 8 on page 1

with the following:

“(a) a conveyance that is used in the”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Steven John Fletcher and it was agreed to.

Steven John Fletcher moved, — That Bill C-42, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 2 on page 2 with the following:

“it is not reasonably possible for the operator to inform a”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Steven John Fletcher and it was agreed to.

Clause 1, as amended, carried.

Clause 2 carried.

Clause 3 carried.

Clause 4 carried.

Clause 5 carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/05 1:50 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Rob Merrifield.

Meeting No. 60

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Bonnie Brown,
Patrick Brown,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Rob Merrifield
and Penny Priddy.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Colleen Beaumier.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Odette Madore, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Conference of Deputy Ministers of Health:

John Wright, Co-Chair and Deputy Minister of Health,
Government of Saskatchewan.

Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health:

Jill M. Sanders, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Mike Tierney, Vice-President, Common Drug Review.

John Wright and Jill M. Sanders made statements and, with Mike Tierney, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 60

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Bonnie Brown, Patrick Brown, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Colleen Beaumier.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Conference of Deputy Ministers of Health: John Wright, Co-Chair and Deputy Minister, Saskatchewan Health, Government of Saskatchewan. *Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health:* Jill M. Sanders, President and Chief Executive Officer; Mike Tierney, Vice-President, Common Drug Review.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs (Common Drug Review).

John Wright and Jill M. Sanders made statements and, with Mike Tierney, answered questions.

At 4:51 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:54 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/07 10:28 a.m.

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Meeting No. 61

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

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Meeting No. 61

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Bonnie Brown, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Rahim Jaffer, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Rob Merrifield and Penny Priddy.

Acting Members present: Hon. Stephen Owen for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs (Common Drug Review).

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Prescription Drugs, Part 1 - Common Drug Review.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House of Commons when Parliament resumes sitting in the fall of 2007.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a supplementary opinion from members of the Bloc Québécois provided that it is no more than three pages in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee in both official languages, no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2007.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Clerk of the Committee: Carmen DePape.

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, November 15, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of the Vice-Chairs.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.



ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Ken Dryden for Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
and Tina Keeper for Susan Kadis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Jacques Lahaie, Procedural Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;

Sonya Norris, Analyst;

Odette Madore, Analyst.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, November 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Hon. Ken Dryden for Hon. Carolyn Bennett and Tina Keeper for Susan Kadis.

In attendance: House of Commons: Jacques Lahaie, Procedural Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Steven John Fletcher, it was agreed, — That Joy Smith be elected Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Tina Keeper, it was agreed, — That Lui Temelkovski be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Luc Malo, it was agreed, — That Christiane Gagnon be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Lui Temelkovski, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

On motion of Christiane Gagnon, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be established and composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a member of the other opposition party.

On motion of Patricia Davidson, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three (3) members are present, including one member of the opposition.

On motion of Lui Temelkovski, it was agreed, — That only the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute documents to members of the Committee and only when such documents exist in both official languages.

On motion of Steven John Fletcher, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

On motion of Patrick Brown, it was agreed. — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses, not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Judy Wasylycia-Leis, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of each *in camera* meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

Robert Thibault moved, — That 48 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the substantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and distributed to members in both official languages; and that notice given on Friday be deemed to have been given on the following Monday.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

Robert Thibault moved. — That all questioning of witnesses be limited to five (5) minutes per member and that the Chair direct the first two (2) questions to members of the Official Opposition, followed by five (5) minutes for the Bloc Québécois, five (5) minutes for the Conservative Party, five (5) minutes for the New Democratic Party; and that subsequent questions be alternately shared between government and opposition members, at the discretion of the Chair, with the principle of allowing all members who wish to speak that opportunity.

That during the appearance of a Minister, the Chair direct the first fifteen (15) minutes to members of the Official Opposition, ten (10) minutes to the Bloc Québécois, ten (10) minutes to the New Democratic Party and ten (10) minutes to the Conservative Party during the first round of questioning; and that thereafter five (5) minutes per party be allocated alternating between the opposition and government members, at the discretion of the Chair.

Patrick Brown moved. — That the motion be amended by replacing the first paragraph, with the following: "That the witnesses from any one organization shall be allowed ten (10) minutes to make their opening statement. During the questioning of witnesses, there shall be allocated seven (7) minutes for the first round of questioning and thereafter five (5) minutes shall be allocated to each questioner in the second and subsequent rounds of questioning. The order of questions for the first round of questioning shall be as follows: Liberal, Bloc, NDP, Conservative (CPC). Questioning during subsequent rounds shall alternate between the opposition members and government members, in the following fashion: Liberal, CPC, Bloc, CPC, NDP, CPC, Liberal, CPC, Bloc, CPC, NDP, CPC, for so long as time allows."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Patrick Brown and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the witnesses from any one organization shall be allowed ten (10) minutes to make their opening statement. During the questioning of witnesses, there shall be allocated seven (7) minutes for the first round of questioning and thereafter five (5) minutes shall be allocated to each questioner in the second and subsequent rounds of questioning. The order of questions for the first round of questioning shall be

as follows: Liberal, Bloc, NDP, Conservative (CPC). Questioning during subsequent rounds shall alternate between the opposition members and government members, in the following fashion: Liberal, CPC, Bloc, CPC, NDP, CPC, Liberal, CPC, Bloc, CPC, NDP, CPC, for so long as time allows.

That during the appearance of a Minister, the Chair direct the first fifteen (15) minutes to members of the Official Opposition, ten (10) minutes to the Bloc Québécois, ten (10) minutes to the New Democratic Party and ten (10) minutes to the Conservative Party during the first round of questioning; and that thereafter five (5) minutes per party be allocated alternating between the opposition and government members, at the discretion of the Chair.

Judy Wasylcia-Leis moved. — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an *in camera* meeting.

Patricia Davidson moved. — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “at an *in camera* meeting,” with the words “from his or her office; and in addition one staff member designated from the respective parties (i.e. one representative from the Whip's office) at *in camera* meetings.”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Patricia Davidson and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person from his or her office; and in addition one staff member designated from the respective parties (i.e. one representative from the Whip's office) at *in camera* meetings.

The Committee was informed by the Parliamentary Secretary that the Minister of Health was available to appear before the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, on the Supplementary Estimates.

At 9:52 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/19 8:53 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs (Common Drug Review), as studied by the Committee in the previous session.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Odette Madore, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs (Common Drug Review), as studied by the Committee in the previous session.

It was agreed, — That members of the Committee be given a period of one week to review the report entitled "Prescription Drugs Part 1 - Common Drug Review", previously adopted by the Committee in the First Session, 39th Parliament, on June 13, 2007; and that the matter of the adoption of the report in the current session, and its presentation in the House, be taken up at the next scheduled Committee meeting following the one week review period.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That departmental officials be invited to appear before the Committee in order to review and explain the government's response to the report entitled "Healthy Weights for Healthy Kids", as tabled in the House of Commons on August 22, 2007.

It was agreed, — That Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization, be invited to meet with members of the Committee for one hour at the meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2007; and that the Chair invite members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development to also take part in the meeting with Dr. Chan.

It was agreed, — That members submit to the Clerk their lists of suggested topics for future study by the Committee, no later than Tuesday, November 27, 2007; and that the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure meet on Thursday, November 29, in order to review and discuss the compilation of all the lists submitted by members.

At 10:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/27 11:45 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 22, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-2008: Votes 1a, 5a, 15a, 20a, 35a and 40a under HEALTH referred to the Committee on Tuesday, October 30, 2007.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps for Luc Malo,
Gary Goodyear for David Tilson,
Yvon Lévesque for Luc Malo,
and Scott Simms for Hon. Robert Thibault.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister;
Alfred Tsang, Chief Financial Officer.

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Jane Billings, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy,
Communications and Corporate Services Branch, Assistant Deputy
Minister's Office;
Robert C. Clarke, Assistant Deputy Minister, Infectious Disease
and Emergency Preparedness Branch, Office of the Deputy Chief
Public Health Officer;
James Libbey, Chief Financial Officer.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Johanne Deschamps for Luc Malo, Gary Goodyear for David Tilson, Yvon Lévesque for Luc Malo and Scott Simms for Hon. Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister; Alfred Tsang, Chief Financial Officer. *Public Health Agency of Canada:* Jane Billings, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy, Communications and Corporate Services Branch, Assistant Deputy Minister's Office; Robert C. Clarke, Assistant Deputy Minister, Infectious Disease and Emergency Preparedness Branch, Office of the Deputy Chief Public Health Officer; James Libbey, Chief Financial Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-2008: Votes 1a, 5a, 15a, 20a, 35a and 40a under HEALTH referred to the Committee on Tuesday, October 30, 2007.

The Minister made a statement and, with Morris Rosenberg, answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:59 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Chair called Vote 1a under HEALTH.

Vote 1a under HEALTH carried.

The Chair called Vote 5a under HEALTH.

Vote 5a under HEALTH carried.

The Chair called Vote 15a under HEALTH.

Vote 15a under HEALTH carried.

The Chair called Vote 20a under HEALTH.

Vote 20a under HEALTH carried.

The Chair called Vote 35a under HEALTH.

Vote 35a under HEALTH carried.

The Chair called Vote 40a under HEALTH.

Vote 40a under HEALTH carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1a, 5a, 15a, 20a, 35a and 40a, under HEALTH, to the House.

At 11:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/22 3:01 p.m.

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Chair: Joy Smith,

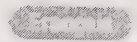
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Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault and David Tilson.

Acting Members present: Penny Priddy for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs (Common Drug Review), as studied by the Committee in the previous session.

It was agreed, — That the evidence and documentation received by the Standing Committee on Health during the First Session of the 39th Parliament in relation to its study on Prescription Drugs (Common Drug Review) be taken into consideration by the Committee in this session.

It was agreed, — That the report entitled *Prescription Drugs Part 1 - The Common Drug Review: An F/P/T Process*, previously adopted by the Committee in the First Session of the 39th Parliament on June 13, 2007, be adopted by the Committee in the current session.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House, on Wednesday, December 5, 2007.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report the supplementary opinion from Christiane Gagnon of the Bloc Québécois, as provided to the Clerk of the Committee in both official languages.

It was agreed, — That a news release be prepared by the analysts and the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, for publication on the Committee's website and for distribution upon presentation of the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee make the necessary arrangements for a press conference to be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2007, at 3:45 p.m., after tabling of the Committee's report to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That a second meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, December 6, 2007, on the government response to the Committee report entitled *Healthy Weights for Healthy Kids*; and that officials from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, the Department of Finance, Infrastructure Canada and the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission be invited to appear at the meeting.

At 9:42 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/07 3:03 p.m.

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Vice-Chair: Lui Temelkovski.

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs (Common Drug Review), as studied by the Committee in the previous session.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motions adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 and on Tuesday, November 27, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the government response to the Committee report Healthy Weights for Healthy Kids.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Luc Malo,
Lui Temelkovski,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

France Bonsant for Christiane Gagnon,
and Hon. Geoff Regan for Susan Kadis.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Szabo.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Jim Ball, Director General, Strategic Initiatives and Innovations
Directorate;
Claude Rocan, Director General, Centre for Health Promotion.

Department of Health:

Janet Pronk, Director, Policy and Standard Setting Division;
Mary L'Abbé, Director, Bureau of Nutritional Sciences;
Kathy Langlois, Director General, Community Programs
Directorate.

Canadian Institutes of Health Research:

Diane T. Finegood, Scientific Director, Institute of Nutrition,
Metabolism and Diabetes.

Jim Ball made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Lui Temelkovski, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Luc Malo, Lui Temelkovski, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: France Bonsant for Christiane Gagnon and Hon. Geoff Regan for Susan Kadis.

Other Members present: Paul Szabo.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Public Health Agency of Canada: Jim Ball, Director General, Strategic Initiatives and Innovations Directorate; Claude Rocan, Director General, Centre for Health Promotion. *Department of Health:* Janet Pronk, Director, Policy and Standard Setting Division; Mary L'Abbé, Director, Bureau of Nutritional Sciences; Kathy Langlois, Director General, Community Programs Directorate. *Canadian Institutes of Health Research:* Diane T. Finegood, Scientific Director, Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs (Common Drug Review), as studied by the Committee in the previous session.

It was agreed, — That the presentation by the Chair in the House of Commons of the Committee report entitled *Prescription Drugs Part 1 - The Common Drug Review: An F/P/T Process*, be rescheduled for the week of December 10, probably on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, prior to the adjournment of the House of Commons; and that it be followed by a press conference.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motions adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 and on Tuesday, November 27, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of the government response to the Committee report *Healthy Weights for Healthy Kids*.

Jim Ball made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/07 3:05 p.m.

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Vice-Chair: Lui Temelkovski.

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, December 6, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motions adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 and on Tuesday, November 27, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the government response to the Committee report Healthy Weights for Healthy Kids.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Lui Temelkovski,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Raymond Chan for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development :

Robert Eyahpaise, Director, Social Services and Justice
Directorate, Community Development Branch;
Andrew Lieff, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Minister;
Fred Hill, Manager, Northern Food Security.

Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission:

Scott Hutton, Associate Executive Director, Broadcasting;
Martine Vallee, Director, English Pay, Specialty and Social Policy.

Advertising Standards Canada:

Linda J. Nagel, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Department of Finance:

Sean Keenan, Senior Chief, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax
Policy Branch;
Sophie Amberg, Tax Policy Officer, Strategic Projects, Personal
Income Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch.

Robert Eyahpaise and Scott Hutton made statements and, with the other witnesses,
answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 6

Thursday, December 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Lui Temelkovski, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Lui Temelkovski, David Tilson and Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Hon. Raymond Chan for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development : Robert Eyahpaise, Director, Social Services and Justice Directorate, Community Development Branch; Andrew Lieff, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Minister; Fred Hill, Manager, Northern Food Security. *Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission:* Scott Hutton, Associate Executive Director, Broadcasting; Martine Vallee, Director, English Pay, Specialty and Social Policy. *Advertising Standards Canada:* Linda J. Nagel, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Department of Finance:* Sean Keenan, Senior Chief, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch; Sophie Amberg, Tax Policy Officer, Strategic Projects, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motions adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 and on Tuesday, November 27, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the government response to the Committee report *Healthy Weights for Healthy Kids*.

Robert Eyahpaise and Scott Hutton made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/07 3:06 p.m.

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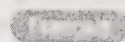
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Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Thursday, November 29, 2007, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the Committee undertake a study on Post-Market Surveillance of pharmaceuticals beginning in January 2008.
2. That officials from Health Canada be invited to appear as the first witnesses in January in order to brief members of the Committee on the issue of Post-Market Surveillance.
3. That Committee members be asked to submit their lists of potential witnesses for the study on Post-Market Surveillance to the Clerk.
4. That the Committee take into consideration a short work plan prepared by the Committee analysts for the study on Post-Market Surveillance.
5. That requests from individuals or organizations asking to meet with members of the Committee be set aside until such time as the study on Post-Market Surveillance is completed.

It was agreed, — That the First Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be amended, at the end of the third paragraph, by adding the following: “, by Tuesday, December 18, 2007.”.

It was agreed, — That the First Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, as amended, be concurred in.

It was agreed, — That the first meeting of the Committee, following the adjournment period, would be on Bill S-220, *An Act respecting a National Blood Donor Week*, as referred to the Committee on Wednesday, December 5, 2007; and that the sponsor of the Bill be invited to appear on that date in order to complete the clause by clause study of the Bill and report it back to the House without delay.

It was agreed, — That the Committee undertake a study on Post-Market Surveillance by holding a series of 10 to 12 consecutive meetings beginning on Thursday, January 31, 2008.

It was agreed, — That the study on Post-Market Surveillance be interspersed, every fourth meeting, with a series of one meeting topical issues of interest to Committee members.

It was agreed, — That members of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure would meet on Thursday, December 13, 2007, in order to assist the Committee with the establishment of an order of priority for the list of topics identified by members as requiring only one meeting per subject matter.

At 10:04 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008-01-29 2:33 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, December 5, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill S-220, An Act respecting a National Blood Donor Week.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.
House of Commons:
Christine Lafrance, Legislative Clerk;

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:
Hon. Navdeep Bains, P.C., M.P., Mississauga --Brampton South.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Christine Lafrance, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: House of Commons: Hon. Navdeep Bains, P.C., M.P., Mississauga—Brampton South.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, December 5, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill S-220, An Act respecting a National Blood Donor Week.

The witness made a statement.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of the preamble and Clause 1 is postponed.

The Chair called Clause 2.

Clause 2 carried.

The Short Title carried.

The Preamble carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

At 11:09 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:10 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Thursday, December 13, 2007, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the Committee would begin its series of briefing sessions on the following three topics as a result of the decision taken on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, to intersperse every fourth meeting on Post-Market Surveillance with topical issues of interest to members:

- Tuesday, February 12, 2008 on the subject of the Supply of Radioisotopes;
- Tuesday, March 4, 2008 on the subject of Toy Regulations;
- Tuesday, April 1, 2008 on the subject of Natural Health Products.

2. That the terms of reference for the study on Post-Market Surveillance be posted on the Committee's website.

It was agreed, — That the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be amended, at the end of the first recommendation, by adding the following paragraph: "That as a result of discussions that took place at the Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, the issue of new regulations on organ donor criteria would be added to the list of topics recommended by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure in the present report, thereby changing the date for the meeting on Toy Regulations to April 1, 2008 and the date for Natural Health Products to April 15, 2008; and with the provision that the Clerk would be given some flexibility as to the scheduling of the meetings on radioisotopes and organ donations depending on the availability of the federal Minister of Health."

It was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, as amended, be concurred in.

At 11:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008/01/30 1:21 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Member: David Tilson.

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, January 31, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Meena Ballantyne, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch;

Diana Dowthwaite, Director General, Health Products and Food Branch Inspectorate;

David K. Lee, Director, Office of Patented Medicines and Liaison, Therapeutic Products Directorate;

Chris Turner, Director General, Marketed Health Products Directorate;

Michael Vandergrift, Director General, Policy, Planning and International Affairs Directorate.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, January 31, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Meena Ballantyne, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Diana Dowthwaite, Director General, Health Products and Food Branch Inspectorate; David K. Lee, Director, Office of Patented Medicines and Liaison, Therapeutic Products Directorate; Chris Turner, Director General, Marketed Health Products Directorate; Michael Vandergrift, Director General, Policy, Planning and International Affairs Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee commenced its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

Meena Ballantyne made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008/01/31 3:20 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

NDMAC:

David Skinner, President;
Robert White, Director, Scientific and Regulatory Affairs.

Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Rx & D):

Pier-Giorgio Fontana, Consultant, Regulatory Affairs.

BIOTEC Canada:

Philip Schwab, Vice-President of Industry Relations.

Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association:

Colin D'Cunha, Director, Pharmacovigilance, Apotex Inc.;
Jacqueline Conant, Principal Consultant, Pharmacovigilance,
Apotex Inc..

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: NDMAC: David Skinner, President; Robert White, Director, Scientific and Regulatory Affairs. *Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Rx & D):* Pier-Giorgio Fontana, Consultant, Regulatory Affairs. *BIOTEC Canada:* Philip Schwab, Vice-President of Industry Relations. *Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association:* Colin D'Cunha, Director, Pharmacovigilance, Apotex Inc.; Jacqueline Conant, Principal Consultant, Pharmacovigilance, Apotex Inc..

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

David Skinner, Pier-Giorgio Fontana, Philip Schwab and Colin D'Cunha made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Carolyn Bennett moved, — That the questions prepared by the Library of Parliament analysts in preparation for the meeting on Post-Market Surveillance be forwarded to the organizations represented at the meeting today in order for them to provide the Committee members with their input and responses, to the best of their ability, in writing.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 2.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008-02-06 9:31 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, February 7, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault
and David Tilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sukh Dhaliwal for Susan Kadis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Institute for Health Information:

Glenda Yeates, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Michael Hunt, Manager, Pharmaceuticals.

Patented Medicine Prices Review Board:

Brien G. Benoit, Chairperson;
Barbara Ouellet, Executive Director.

Glenda Yeates and Brien G. Benoit made statements and, with Michael Hunt, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, February 7, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault and David Tilson.

Acting Members present: Sukh Dhaliwal for Susan Kadis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Institute for Health Information: Glenda Yeates, President and Chief Executive Officer; Michael Hunt, Manager, Pharmaceuticals. *Patented Medicine Prices Review Board:* Brien G. Benoit, Chairperson; Barbara Ouellet, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products. Prescription and Non-Prescription.

Glenda Yeates and Brien G. Benoit made statements and, with Michael Hunt, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, --- That the proposed budget in the amount of \$39,950.00, for the study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, be adopted.

At 12:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/08 1:43 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Supply of Radioisotopes.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Hedy Fry for Susan Kadis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

WITNESSES:

MDS Nordion:

Grant Malkoske, Vice President, Strategic Technologies;
David McInnes, Vice President, International Relations.

Canadian Society of Nuclear Medicine:

Douglas Abrams, President.

Department of Health:

Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister;
Meena Ballantyne, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and
Food Branch.

Grant Malkoske and Douglas Abrams made statements and, with David McInnes, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Hon. Hedy Fry for Susan Kadis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

Witnesses: MDS Nordion: Grant Malkoske, Vice President, Strategic Technologies; David McInnes, Vice President, International Relations. *Canadian Society of Nuclear Medicine:* Douglas Abrams, President. *Department of Health:* Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister; Meena Ballantyne, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee cancel its meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 26, 2008, because of a lack of available committee rooms due to the numerous activities surrounding the presentation of the Budget in the House of Commons on that date; and that as a consequence of taking this action, it will be necessary, after the meeting on February 14, to shift all future meetings of the Committee already scheduled, by one meeting slot, except for the meeting on Organ Donor Criteria that will remain on March 4, 2008.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Supply of Radioisotopes.

Grant Malkoske and Douglas Abrams made statements and, with David McInnes, answered questions.

At 12:14 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:16 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Minister made a statement and, with Morris Rosenberg, answered questions.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, February 14, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roger Gaudet for Luc Malo.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists:

Myrella Roy, Executive Director.

Canadian Pharmacists Association:

Jeff Poston, Executive Director;
Denis Villeneuve, Member of the Board.

Ordre des pharmaciens du Québec:

Claude Gagnon, President;
Manon Lambert, Director General and Secretary.

National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities:

Karen Wolfe, Executive Director.

Myrella Roy, Jeff Poston, Denis Villeneuve, Claude Gagnon and Karen Wolfe made statements and, with Manon Lambert, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, February 14, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Roger Gaudet for Luc Malo.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists: Myrella Roy, Executive Director. *Canadian Pharmacists Association:* Jeff Poston, Executive Director; Denis Villeneuve, Member of the Board. *Ordre des pharmaciens du Québec:* Claude Gagnon, President; Manon Lambert, Director General and Secretary. *National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities:* Karen Wolfe, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

Myrella Roy, Jeff Poston, Denis Villeneuve, Claude Gagnon and Karen Wolfe made statements and, with Manon Lambert, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health call on the government to strengthen its monitoring and analytical capacity regarding enforcement of the Canada Health Act, in order to better identify challenges facing public health care, including: excessive wait times for diagnostics and treatment, the high cost of prescription drugs to individuals and the health care system, and the impacts of increased privatization; and that the Minister of Health appear before the Health Committee within 30 days following the publication of his department's Canada Health Act Annual Report to indicate what proactive measures his government will be undertaking to ensure that Canadians' rights under the Act are fully protected and strongly enforced in light of the current challenges to Canadians' public health care system; and finally that the present motion, if adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 14, 2008, be reported to the House.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

The Chair informed members that the appearance of the Minister of Health before the Committee on the subject of the new organ donor regulations, previously scheduled for March 4, 2008, would not be possible due to unforeseen circumstances; and at the request of the Minister could the meeting be now moved to either Tuesday, March 11 or Thursday, March 13, 2008.

Robert Thibault moved, That the date of the meeting on March 4, 2008, with witnesses on the subject of the new organ donor regulations, not be changed; and that the Minister be invited to appear before the Committee on this issue during the final 45 minutes of either the March 11 or March 13, 2008 meeting, depending on his availability.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008-02-15 12:14 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, February 28, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Hedy Fry for Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
and Roger Valley for Lui Temelkovski.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Medical Association:

John Haggie, Chair, Board Working Group on Pharmaceutical Issues;

Samuel Shortt, Director, Knowledge Transfer and Practice Policy.

Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada:

Fleur-Ange Lefebvre, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer;

Douglas Anderson, President Elect.

Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services:

Andrew McCallum, Regional Supervising Coroner for Eastern Ontario, Office of the Chief Coroner.

Canadian Men in Nursing Group:

James D'Astolfo, President and Founder;

Irfan Aslam, Vice President and Director of Finance.

John Haggie, Douglas Anderson, Andrew McCallum, James D'Astolfo and Irfan Aslam made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, February 28, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Hon. Hedy Fry for Hon. Carolyn Bennett and Roger Valley for Lui Temelkovski.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Medical Association: John Haggie, Chair, Board Working Group on Pharmaceutical Issues; Samuel Shortt, Director, Knowledge Transfer and Practice Policy. *Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada:* Fleur-Ange Lefebvre, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer; Douglas Anderson, President Elect. *Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services:* Andrew McCallum, Regional Supervising Coroner for Eastern Ontario, Office of the Chief Coroner. *Canadian Men in Nursing Group:* James D'Astolfo, President and Founder; Irfan Aslam, Vice President and Director of Finance.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

John Haggie, Douglas Anderson, Andrew McCallum, James D'Astolfo and Irfan Aslam made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:46 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:47 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, --- That the Standing Committee on Health request the appearance of the Minister of Health before the Committee as soon as possible in order to discuss the Report on the administration and operation of the Canada Health Act for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007, as deposited with the Clerk of the House and laid upon the Table on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, and referred to the Committee in accordance with Standing Order 32(5) and section 23 of the Act; and that the Committee report its findings to the House of Commons following the appearance by the Minister.

Debate arose thereon.

Christiane Gagnon moved, --- That the motion be amended by adding after the words "following the

appearance by the Minister.” the following: “We support Ms. Wasylycia-Leis’s motion, to the extent that the traditional interpretation of the Canada Health Act will continue to apply: in the area of health, Quebec is accountable only to Quebeckers; nothing shall be interpreted in such a way as to override Quebec’s jurisdiction; Quebec is firmly committed to exercising its responsibilities itself; the Quebec government considers that Quebec’s healthcare system and health insurance system fall within its exclusive jurisdiction. The Quebec government has full authority for planning, organizing and managing healthcare services on its territory, governed by Quebec’s own legislative and regulatory framework.”.

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible as it exceeded the scope of the motion, as provided on page 453 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

It was agreed. That the proposed budget in the amount of \$15,900.00, for the meeting on the new organ donor regulations, be adopted.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008-02-29 11:52 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Vice-Chair: Lui Temelkovski.

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the New Organ Donor Regulations.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Réal Ménard for Luc Malo.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Meena Ballantyne, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch;
Liz Anne Gillham-Eisen, Unit Manager, Policy and Promotion Division, Health Products and Food Branch.

Canadian Standards Association:

Suzanne Kiraly, President;
Marc Germain, Chair Designate, Technical Committee on Safety of Cells, Tissues, and Organs for Transplantation and Assisted Reproduction.

Canadian Council for Donation and Transplantation:

Kimberly Young, Chief Executive Officer;
Graham Sher, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Blood Services.

University of Toronto:

Gary Levy, Director, Multi Organ Transplant Program, University Health Network.

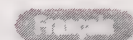
Canadian Society of Transplantation:

James Shapiro, President;
Lori West, Past President;
Tom Blydt-Hansen, Scientific Program Chair and Member at Large.

Canadian Association of Transplantation:

Raylene Matlock, President;
Jan Emerton, President Elect.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Lui Temelkovski, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Réal Ménard for Luc Malo.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Meena Ballantyne, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Liz Anne Gillham-Eisen, Unit Manager, Policy and Promotion Division, Health Products and Food Branch. *Canadian Standards Association:* Suzanne Kiraly, President; Marc Germain, Chair Designate, Technical Committee on Safety of Cells, Tissues, and Organs for Transplantation and Assisted Reproduction. *Canadian Council for Donation and Transplantation:* Kimberly Young, Chief Executive Officer; Graham Sher, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Blood Services. *University of Toronto:* Gary Levy, Director, Multi Organ Transplant Program, University Health Network. *Canadian Society of Transplantation:* James Shapiro, President; Lori West, Past President; Tom Blydt-Hansen, Scientific Program Chair and Member at Large. *Canadian Association of Transplantation:* Raylene Matlock, President; Jan Emerton, President Elect.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee would proceed with discussions on items of Committee business in the final part of the meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2008, following the appearance and questioning of witnesses as part of the study on Post-Market Surveillance.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the New Organ Donor Regulations.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008-03-04 4:17 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Vice-Chair: Lui Temelkovski.

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, March 6, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Bezan for Joy Smith,
and Hon. Carol Skelton for Patricia Davidson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Odette Madore, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Best Medicines Coalition:

Linda Wilhelm, Vice-Chair, Operations Committee;
Gail Attara, Member, Steering Committee.

Drug Safety Canada:

Terence Young, Chair.

Canadian Health Coalition:

Michèle Brill-Edwards, Board Member.

Linda Wilhelm, Terence Young and Michèle Brill-Edwards made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, March 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Lui Temelkovski, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: James Bezan for Joy Smith and Hon. Carol Skelton for Patricia Davidson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst.

Witnesses: Best Medicines Coalition: Linda Wilhelm, Vice-Chair, Operations Committee; Gail Attara, Member, Steering Committee. *Drug Safety Canada:* Terence Young, Chair. *Canadian Health Coalition:* Michèle Brill-Edwards, Board Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

Linda Wilhelm, Terence Young and Michèle Brill-Edwards made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:34 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:35 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, --- That the Committee would hold a second meeting on the subject of the new organ donor regulations, either on Tuesday, March 11 or Thursday, April 3, 2008, depending on the availability of witnesses.

It was agreed, --- That the analysts would prepare a workplan for the Committee in an effort to provide members with options that would include completing the study on Post-Market Surveillance and undertaking a review of the 2004 First Ministers' Accord on Health, entitled "A 10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care".

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008-03-07 3:10 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gerald Keddy for David Tilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Cancer Advocacy Coalition of Canada:

James Gowing, Chair of the Board;

William Hryniuk, Past Chair.

Expert Advisory Committee on the Vigilance of Health Products:

Diane Brideau-Laughlin, Chair.

Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada:

Sylvia Hyland, Vice President.

Université de Montréal:

Yola Moride, Associate Professor, Faculty of Pharmacy.

James Gowing, Diane Brideau-Laughlin, Sylvia Hyland and Yola Moride made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Gerald Keddy for David Tilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Cancer Advocacy Coalition of Canada: James Gowing, Chair of the Board; William Hrynuk, Past Chair. *Expert Advisory Committee on the Vigilance of Health Products:* Diane Brideau-Laughlin, Chair. *Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada:* Sylvia Hyland, Vice President. *Université de Montréal:* Yola Moride, Associate Professor, Faculty of Pharmacy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

James Gowing, Diane Brideau-Laughlin, Sylvia Hyland and Yola Moride made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008-03-11 2:48 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, March 13, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Savage for Hon. Robert Thibault.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Anemia Institute for Research and Education:

Durhane Wong-Rieger, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Consumers' Association of Canada:

Mel Fruitman, Vice-President.

PharmaWatch:

Colleen Fuller, President;

Carol Kushner, Director.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, March 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Michael Savage for Hon. Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Anemia Institute for Research and Education: Durhane Wong-Rieger, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Consumers' Association of Canada:* Mel Fruitman, Vice-President. *PharmaWatch:* Colleen Fuller, President; Carol Kushner, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:34 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Health hold two to four meetings in order to review the progress in implementing the "10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care", as specified in section 25.9 of the *Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act*.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008-03-13 3:33 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Women's Health Network:

Madeline Boscoe, Executive Director.

University of British Columbia:

Bruce Carleton, Senior Clinician Scientist, Child and Family
Research Institute, BC Children's Hospital.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Women's Health Network: Madeline Boscoe, Executive Director. *University of British Columbia:* Bruce Carleton, Senior Clinician Scientist, Child and Family Research Institute, BC Children's Hospital.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:47 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008-04-01 3:04 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, April 3, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the New Organ Donor Regulations.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Réal Ménard for Luc Malo.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;

Mathieu Stanton, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Organ Donors Association:

Richard Tremblay, President.

Canadian AIDS Society:

Stephen Alexander, Programs Consultant;

Kim Thomas, Director of Programs.

Gai Écoute Inc.:

Laurent McCutcheon, President.

Egale Canada:

Nigel Flear, President.

Canadian Hemophilia Society:

John Plater, Chair of the HIV and Hepatitis Committee.

Richard Tremblay, Stephen Alexander, Laurent McCutcheon, Nigel Flear and John Plater made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, April 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Réal Ménard for Luc Malo.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Mathieu Stanton, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Organ Donors Association: Richard Tremblay, President. *Canadian AIDS Society:* Stephen Alexander, Programs Consultant; Kim Thomas, Director of Programs. *Gai Écoute Inc.:* Laurent McCutcheon, President. *Egale Canada:* Nigel Flear, President. *Canadian Hemophilia Society:* John Plater, Chair of the HIV and Hepatitis Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motions adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 and on Thursday, March 6, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a second briefing meeting on the New Organ Donor Regulations.

Richard Tremblay, Stephen Alexander, Laurent McCutcheon, Nigel Flear and John Plater made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008-04-03 2:56 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eve-Mary Thai Thi Lac for Christiane Gagnon.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

St. Michael's Hospital:

Andreas Laupacis, Executive Director, Li Ka Shing Knowledge
Institute.

University of British Columbia:

Steve Morgan, Assistant Professor, Centre for Health Services and
Policy Research.

As an Individual:

Patrick Orr, Lawyer.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Ève-Mary Thāi Thi Lac for Christiane Gagnon.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: St. Michael's Hospital: Andreas Laupacis, Executive Director, Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute. *University of British Columbia:* Steve Morgan, Assistant Professor, Centre for Health Services and Policy Research. *As an individual:* Patrick Orr, Lawyer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:46 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

It was agreed, --- That the Standing Committee on Health meet with a delegation from Germany on Tuesday, May 13, 2008; and that the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, make the necessary arrangements for a working breakfast with members of the Standing Committee on Health, members of the delegation and essential staff, in accordance with the guidelines specified in the *Financial Management and Policy Guide for Committees*.

It was agreed, -- That the Standing Committee on Health meet with a delegation from the Czech Republic on Thursday, May 29, 2008; and that the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, make the necessary arrangements for a working breakfast with members of the Standing Committee on Health, members of the delegation and essential staff, in accordance with the guidelines specified in the *Financial Management and Policy Guide for Committees*.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008-04-14 2:16 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Vice-Chair: Lui Temelkovski.

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, April 10, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Luc Malo,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rob Clarke for Joy Smith,
Hon. John Godfrey for Susan Kadis,
David J. McGuinty for Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
and Ève-Mary Thériault for Christiane Gagnon.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Neil Maxwell, Assistant Auditor General.

Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada:

Jennifer Stoddart, Privacy Commissioner;
Patricia Kosseim, General Counsel.

Canada Health Infoway:

Richard Alvarez, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Mike Sheridan, Chief Operating Officer.

Sheila Fraser, Jennifer Stoddart and Richard Alvarez made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, April 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Lui Temelkovski, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Luc Malo, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Rob Clarke for Joy Smith, Hon. John Godfrey for Susan Kadis, David J. McGuinty for Hon. Carolyn Bennett and Ève-Mary Thiaï Thi Lac for Christiane Gagnon.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Neil Maxwell, Assistant Auditor General. *Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada:* Jennifer Stoddart, Privacy Commissioner; Patricia Kosseim, General Counsel. *Canada Health Infoway:* Richard Alvarez, President and Chief Executive Officer; Mike Sheridan, Chief Operating Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

Sheila Fraser, Jennifer Stoddart and Richard Alvarez made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008-04-11 1:25 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Vice-Chair: Lui Temelkovski.

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the New Organ Donor Regulations.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Lunney for Joy Smith,
and Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

University of Victoria:

Alan Cassels, Pharmaceutical Policy Researcher, School of Health Information Sciences.

York University:

Mary Wiktorowicz, Chair and Associate Professor, School of Health Policy and Management.

McGill University:

Robyn Tamblyn, Scientific Director, Clinical and Health Informatics Research, Department of Medicine.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Lui Temelkovski, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: James Lunney for Joy Smith and Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Carolyn Bennett.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of Victoria: Alan Cassels, Pharmaceutical Policy Researcher, School of Health Information Sciences. *York University:* Mary Wiktorowicz, Chair and Associate Professor, School of Health Policy and Management. *McGill University:* Robyn Tamblyn, Scientific Director, Clinical and Health Informatics Research, Department of Medicine.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the New Organ Donor Regulations.

Robert Thibault moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health report the following recommendations to the House of Commons with respect to the new organ donor regulations: that the Minister of Health take action, at the earliest possible opportunity, to amend the new Health regulations on organ donor criteria since the current wording specifically excludes gay men from being organ donors; that the Minister also replace the current regulations with scientifically based guidelines to medical practitioners that protect the supply of organs, promote participation of donors and preserve the integrity of the organ supply; and that pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the government table a response to the recommendations outlined in this report.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/16 2:26 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 24

Thursday, April 17, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 25.9 of the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the progress in implementing the 10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sukh Dhaliwal for Susan Kadis,
Wajid Khan for Patrick Brown,
Serge Ménard for Christiane Gagnon,
and Mario Silva for Hon. Robert Thibault.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Odette Madore, Analyst;

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Thursday, April 17, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, David Tilson and Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Sukh Dhaliwal for Susan Kadis, Wajid Khan for Patrick Brown, Serge Ménard for Christiane Gagnon and Mario Silva for Hon. Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Karen Dodds, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy Branch; Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Kathryn McDade, Director General, Health Care Policy Directorate, Health Policy Branch. *Public Health Agency of Canada:* Jane Billings, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Public Health Integration Branch; Arlene King, Director General, Centre for Immunization and Respiratory Infectious Diseases. *Department of Finance:* Krista Campbell, Senior Chief, Federal-Provincial Relations Division, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch, Director's Office; Yves Giroux, Director, Social Policy, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch; Jonathan Roy, Senior Policy Analyst, Health/Justice/Culture, Social Policy, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 25.9 of the *Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act*, the Committee commenced the statutory review of the progress in implementing the "10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care".

Karen Dodds made a statement and, with Ian Potter, Yves Giroux, Krista Campbell, Jane Billings and Arlene King, answered questions.

Carolyn Bennett moved, — That the officials prepare a formal report addressing the progress on each of the 10 aspects of the 2004 Health Accord including: a breakdown of wait times funding; a breakdown of the progression in wait times in each province and territory in all five priority areas identified in the 2004 Accord; and a report on the progress of Conservative pilot projects on wait times announced in 2006; and that this information be provided to the Clerk by May 1, 2008.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 0.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

U.S. Food and Drug Administration:

Gerald Dal Pan, Director, Office of Surveillance and
Epidemiology, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research.

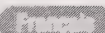
As Individuals:

Jean-Pierre Ménard, Attorney and Specialist in Medical Law,
Ménard, Martin, Avocats;
Julie-Kim Godin, Attorney, Ménard, Martin, Avocats.

Brogan Inc.:

Tom Brogan, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Miriam Burke
Committee Clerk



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met by videoconference at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: U.S. Food and Drug Administration: Gerald Dal Pan, Director, Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. *As individuals:* Jean-Pierre Ménard, Attorney and Specialist in Medical Law, Ménard, Martin, Avocats; Julie-Kim Godin, Attorney, Ménard, Martin, Avocats. *Brogan Inc.:* Tom Brogan, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

Gerald Dal Pan (by videoconference from Silver Spring, Maryland) made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:56 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:00 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Jean-Pierre Ménard and Tom Brogan made statements and answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke
Committee Clerk

2008/05/01 3:31 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, May 1, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Cannan for David Tilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Michael Vandergrift, Director General, Policy, Planning and International Affairs Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch;

Marc Berthiaume, Director, Marketed Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau, Marketed Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch;

David K. Lee, Director, Office of Patented Medicines and Liaison, Therapeutic Products Directorate;

David Clapin, Branch Science Advisor, Office of Science and Risk Management, Health Products and Food Branch.

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Barbara Law, Interim Director, Vaccine Preventable Diseases Prevention and Vaccine Safety.

University of British Columbia:

Bruce Carleton, Senior Clinician Scientist, Child and Family Research Institute, BC Children's Hospital.

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care:

Brent Fraser, Director, Drug Program Services Branch.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, May 1, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Ron Cannan for David Tilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Michael Vandergrift, Director General, Policy, Planning and International Affairs Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Marc Berthiaume, Director, Marketed Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau, Marketed Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; David K. Lee, Director, Office of Patented Medicines and Liaison, Therapeutic Products Directorate; David Clapin, Branch Science Advisor, Office of Science and Risk Management, Health Products and Food Branch. *Public Health Agency of Canada:* Barbara Law, Interim Director, Vaccine Preventable Diseases Prevention and Vaccine Safety. *University of British Columbia:* Bruce Carleton, Senior Clinician Scientist, Child and Family Research Institute, BC Children's Hospital. *Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care:* Brent Fraser, Director, Drug Program Services Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products. Prescription and Non-Prescription.

Marc Berthiaume, Brent Fraser and Bruce Carleton made statements and, with David Lee, Michael Vandergrift and Barbara Law, answered questions.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/02 8:49 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Vice-Chair: Lui Temelkovski.

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 25.9 of the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the progress in implementing the 10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault
and David Tilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rob Clarke for Joy Smith,
Hon. Hedy Fry for Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Penny Priddy for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
and Ève-Mary Thiaï Thi Lac for Luc Malo.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Odette Madore, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Isabelle Dumas, Procedural Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Health Council of Canada:

Jeanne Besner, Chair;
Donald Juzwishin, Chief Executive Officer;
Albert Fogarty, Councillor.

Canadian Institute for Health Information:

Glenda Yeates, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Kathleen Morris, Consultant.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Lui Temelkovski, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault and David Tilson.

Acting Members present: Rob Clarke for Joy Smith, Hon. Hedy Fry for Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Penny Priddy for Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Ève-Mary Thériault for Luc Malo.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Isabelle Dumas, Procedural Clerk.

Witnesses: Health Council of Canada: Jeanne Besner, Chair; Donald Juzwishin, Chief Executive Officer; Albert Fogarty, Councillor. *Canadian Institute for Health Information:* Glenda Yeates, President and Chief Executive Officer; Kathleen Morris, Consultant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 25.9 of the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the progress in implementing the 10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care.

Glenda Yeates and Jeanne Besner made statements and, with Donald Juzwishin, answered questions.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/09 9:47 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Member: Robert Thibault.

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, May 8, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on Natural Health Products.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault
and David Tilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Charlton for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
Hon. Hedy Fry for Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
and Colin Mayes for Joy Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Isabelle Dumas, Procedural Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Philip Waddington, Director General, Natural Health Products
Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Direct Sellers Association of Canada:

Ross Creber, President;
Mark Priemer, President, MMP Enterprises Ltd..

The Apothecary-Consultant:

Jean-Yves Dionne, Pharmacist.

University of Montreal:

Pierre Haddad, Professor, Department of Pharmacology.

Canadian Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association:

Darren Praznik, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Kathleen Ljubisic, Director, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs.

Option consommateurs:

Geneviève Reed, Head, Research and Representation Department;
Anu Bose, Head, Ottawa Office.

Canadian Health Food Association:

Penelope Marrett, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Anne Wilkie, Vice-President, Head of Regulatory Affairs.

Truehope Nutritional Support Ltd.:

Ian Stewart, Director, Regulatory Affairs.

Canadian Coalition for Health Freedom:

Trueman Tuck, Coordinator.

Natural Health Products Protection Association:

Peter Helgason, Vice-President.

Canadian Men in Nursing Group:

James D'Astolfo, President and Founder;
Branden Shepika, Chapter Director.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, May 8, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Lui Temelkovski, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault and David Tilson.

Acting Members present: Chris Charlton for Judy Wasylcia-Leis, Hon. Hedy Fry for Hon. Carolyn Bennett and Colin Mayes for Joy Smith.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; *Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst, House of Commons:* Isabelle Dumas, Procedural Clerk.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Philip Waddington, Director General, Natural Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch. *Direct Sellers Association of Canada:* Ross Creber, President; Mark Priemer, President, MMP Enterprises Ltd.. *The Apothecary-Consultant:* Jean-Yves Dionne, Pharmacist. *University of Montreal:* Pierre Haddad, Professor, Department of Pharmacology. *Canadian Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association:* Darren Praznik, President and Chief Executive Officer; Kathleen Ljubisic, Director, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs. *Option consommateurs:* Geneviève Reed, Head, Research and Representation Department; Anu Bose, Head, Ottawa Office. *Canadian Health Food Association:* Penelope Marrett, President and Chief Executive Officer; Anne Wilkie, Vice-President, Head of Regulatory Affairs. *Truehope Nutritional Support Ltd.:* Ian Stewart, Director, Regulatory Affairs. *Canadian Coalition for Health Freedom:* Trueman Tuck, Coordinator. *Natural Health Products Protection Association:* Peter Helgason, Vice-President. *Canadian Men in Nursing Group:* James D'Astolfo, President and Founder; Branden Shepika, Chapter Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Natural Health Products.

Philip Waddington, Ross Creber, Jean-Yves Dionne, Pierre Haddad, Darren Praznik, Geneviève Reed, Penelope Marrett, Ian Stewart, Trueman Tuck, Peter Helgason, James D'Astolfo and Branden Shepika made statements and, with Mark Priemer and Anne Wilkie, answered questions.

At 12:10 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:13 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee would hold one meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2008, on the subject of harm reduction programs in Canada, with particular focus on the safe injection site in Vancouver.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/09 2:37 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 25.9 of the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the progress in implementing the 10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Odette Madore, Analyst;

Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.
House of Commons:
Isabelle Dumas, Procedural Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Healthcare Association:
Pamela Fralick, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Denise Desautels, Director, Policy and Communications.

Wait Time Alliance:
Lorne Bellan, Co-Chair;
Jean-Luc Urbain, Co-Chair.

Association of Canadian Academic Healthcare Organizations:
Jean Bartkowiak, President and Chief Executive Officer, SCO
Health Service;
Arthur S. Slutsky, Vice-President of Research, St. Michael's
Hospital.

Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association:
Jim Keon, President.

Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Rx & D):
Russell Williams, President.

Canadian Labour Congress:
Barbara Byers, Executive Vice-President;
Teresa Healy, Senior Researcher, Social and Economic Policy
Department.

Canadian Union of Public Employees:
Paul Moist, National President.

Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions:
Linda Silas, President.

Canadian Pharmacists Association:
Jeff Poston, Executive Director.

Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science:
Kurt Davis, Executive Director.

Barbara Byers, Paul Moist, Linda Silas, Jeff Poston and Kurt Davis made statements and answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:01 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Isabelle Dumas, Procedural Clerk.

Witnesses: Canadian Healthcare Association: Pamela Fralick, President and Chief Executive Officer; Denise Desautels, Director, Policy and Communications. *Wait Time Alliance:* Lorne Bellan, Co-Chair; Jean-Luc Urbain, Co-Chair. *Association of Canadian Academic Healthcare Organizations:* Jean Bartkowiak, President and Chief Executive Officer, SCO Health Service; Arthur S. Slutsky, Vice-President of Research, St. Michael's Hospital. *Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association:* Jim Keon, President. *Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Rx & D):* Russell Williams, President. *Canadian Labour Congress:* Barbara Byers, Executive Vice-President; Teresa Healy, Senior Researcher, Social and Economic Policy Department. *Canadian Union of Public Employees:* Paul Moist, National President. *Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions:* Linda Silas, President. *Canadian Pharmacists Association:* Jeff Poston, Executive Director. *Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science:* Kurt Davis, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 25.9 of the *Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act*, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the progress in implementing the 10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care.

Pamela Fralick, Lorne Bellan, Jean-Luc Urbain, Jean Bartkowiak, Arthur S. Slutsky, Jim Keon and Russell Williams made statements and answered questions.

At 11:52 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:54 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Barbara Byers, Paul Moist, Linda Silas, Jeff Poston and Kurt Davis made statements and answered questions.

At 12:51 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:52 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That Aboriginal organizations would be invited to take part in the next meeting on the

statutory review of the "10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care".

The Chair presented the Third Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, May 12, 2008, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the Standing Committee on Health meet in May 2008 according to the following schedule, as previously agreed to by members of the Committee:

- o Thursday, May 15 - Televised meeting with the Minister of Health on the Main Estimates;

- o Tuesday, May 27 - Briefing session with witnesses on the Harm Reduction Programs in Canada with a particular focus on the safe injection site in Vancouver;

- o Thursday, May 29 - Final meeting with witnesses on the statutory review of the "10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care".

2. That the Standing Committee on Health meet in June 2008 according to the following schedule, as agreed to by members of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure:

- o Tuesday, June 3 - *In camera* meeting to discuss the summary of evidence on Post-Market Surveillance and to give the analysts drafting instructions for the preparation of the draft report for June 10;

- o Thursday, June 5 - Meeting to discuss the draft report on the statutory review of the "10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care" for presentation in the House of Commons prior to the summer adjournment;

- o Tuesday, June 10 - *In camera* meeting to discuss the draft report on Post-Market Surveillance for presentation in the House of Commons prior to the summer adjournment;

- o June 12, 17 and 19 - Possible meetings with witnesses on Bill C-52, *An Act respecting the safety of consumer products*.

3. That the Chair schedule a meeting of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure the first week of June in order to reassess Committee work to be completed before the summer adjournment period and/or the work to be resumed by the Committee in the fall.

It was agreed, — That the Third Report on the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be amended, by deleting paragraphs 2 and 3 in section 1 and replacing them with the following: "That the subject matter of the Committee meetings previously scheduled for May 27 and 29 be modified in order to allow the Minister of Health to appear before the Committee on Thursday, May 29 on Harm Reduction Programs in Canada; that the final meeting with witnesses on the statutory review of the "10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care" be now scheduled for Tuesday, May 27; and that the time of the meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 29 on Harm Reduction Programs in Canada be extended from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.".

It was agreed, — That the Third Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, as amended, be concurred in.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$13,150.00, for the statutory review of the “10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care”, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$18,850.00, for the briefing session on Natural Health Products, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$38,950.00, for the briefing session on Harm Reduction Programs in Canada, with particular focus on the safe injection site in Vancouver, be adopted.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/15 3:44 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Vice-Chair: Lui Temelkovski.

Meeting No. 30

Thursday, May 15, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-2009: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 under HEALTH referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Odette Madore, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister;
Alfred Tsang, Chief Financial Officer.

Public Health Agency of Canada:

David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer;
James Libbey, Chief Financial Officer.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Thursday, May 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 11:30 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Lui Temelkovski, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister; Alfred Tsang, Chief Financial Officer. *Public Health Agency of Canada:* David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer; James Libbey, Chief Financial Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-2009: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 under HEALTH referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

The Chair called Vote 1 under HEALTH.

The Minister made a statement and, with David Butler-Jones, Alfred Tsang and Morris Rosenberg, answered questions.

Vote 1 under HEALTH carried, on division.

Vote 5 under HEALTH carried, on division.

Vote 10 under HEALTH carried, on division.

Vote 15 under HEALTH carried, on division.

By unanimous consent, the Chair called Votes 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 under HEALTH.

Votes 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 under HEALTH carried, on division.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under HEALTH to the House.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/16 8:14 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 25.9 of the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the progress in implementing the 10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Susan Kadis,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
David Tilson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Hon. Robert Thibault,
and Maurice Vellacott for Steven John Fletcher.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, David Tilson and Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Hon. Robert Thibault and Maurice Vellacott for Steven John Fletcher.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Isabelle Dumas, Procedural Clerk.

Witnesses: Canadian Health Professionals Secretariat: Elisabeth Ballermann, Co-Chair. *Canadian Health Food Association:* Anne Wilkie, Vice-President, Head of Regulatory Affairs. *Canadian Nurses Association:* Marlene Smadu, President; Lisa Little, Acting Director, Public Policy. *National Aboriginal Health Organization:* Paulette Tremblay, Chief Executive Officer. *Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami:* Onalee Randell, Director, Department of Health and Environment. *McGill Institute for the Study of Canada:* Antonia Maioni, Director. *Canadian Health Coalition:* Michael McBane, National Coordinator. *Canadian Medical Association:* Brian Day, President; William Tholl, Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 25.9 of the *Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act*, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the progress in implementing the "10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care".

Elisabeth Ballermann, Anne Wilkie, Marlene Smadu, Paulette Tremblay, Onalee Randell, Antonia Maioni, Michael McBane and Brian Day made statements and, with William Tholl, answered questions.

At 12:54 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:55 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/29 7:39 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, May 29, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motions adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 8 and Tuesday, May 13, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Harm Reduction Programs in Canada, with particular focus on the safe injection site in Vancouver.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett,
Patrick Brown,
Patricia Davidson,
Steven John Fletcher,
Christiane Gagnon,
Luc Malo,
Joy Smith,
Lui Temelkovski,
Hon. Robert Thibault
and David Tilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Guy André for Luc Malo,
Rob Clarke for Patricia Davidson,
Paul Crête for Luc Malo,
Libby Davies for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
Hon. Hedy Fry for Susan Kadis,

Hon. John Godfrey for Lui Temelkovski,
and Hon. Keith Martin for Hon. Robert Thibault.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Isabelle Dumas, Procedural Clerk;

APPEARING:

Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

WITNESSES:

British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS:

Thomas Kerr, Research Scientist (Chief Researcher for Insite).

Vancouver Police Department:

Scott Thompson, Inspector, Youth Services Section, Drug Policy
and Mental Health Portfolios.

City of Vancouver:

Donald MacPherson, Drug Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy
Program.

PHS Community Services Society:

Liz Evans, Executive Director.

As an Individual:

Philip Owen, Former Mayor of the City of Vancouver.

Vancouver Coastal Health:

Heather Hay, Regional Director, Addiction, HIV/AIDS, Aboriginal
Health.

Drug Prevention Network of Canada:

Colin Mangham, Director of Research.

British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS:

Julio Montaner, Director.

Simon Fraser University:

Neil Boyd, Professor, School of Criminology.

Department of Health:

Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister;

Susan Fletcher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environments
and Consumer Safety Branch;

Ray Edwards, Acting Director General, Drug Strategy and
Controlled Substances Programme, Healthy Environments and
Consumer Safety Branch.

Public Health Agency of Canada:

David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, May 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session with videoconference at 10:01 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault and David Tilson.

Acting Members present: Guy André for Luc Malo, Rob Clarke for Patricia Davidson, Paul Crête for Luc Malo, Libby Davies for Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Hon. Hedy Fry for Susan Kadis, Hon. John Godfrey for Lui Temelkovski and Hon. Keith Martin for Hon. Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Isabelle Dumas, Procedural Clerk.

Appearing: Hon. Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

Witnesses: British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS: Thomas Kerr, Research Scientist (Chief Researcher for Insite). *Vancouver Police Department:* Scott Thompson, Inspector, Youth Services Section, Drug Policy and Mental Health Portfolios. *City of Vancouver:* Donald MacPherson, Drug Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Program. *PHS Community Services Society:* Liz Evans, Executive Director. *As an individual:* Philip Owen, Former Mayor of the City of Vancouver. *Vancouver Coastal Health:* Heather Hay, Regional Director, Addiction, HIV/AIDS, Aboriginal Health. *Drug Prevention Network of Canada:* Colin Mangham, Director of Research. *British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS:* Julio Montaner, Director. *Simon Fraser University:* Neil Boyd, Professor, School of Criminology. *Department of Health:* Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister; Susan Fletcher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Ray Edwards, Acting Director General, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch. *Public Health Agency of Canada:* David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motions adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 8 and Tuesday, May 13, 2008, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Harm Reduction Programs in Canada, with particular focus on the safe injection site in Vancouver.

Thomas Kerr, Scott Thompson, Donald MacPherson, Liz Evans, Philip Owen, Heather Hay and Colin Mangham made statements.

At 10:51 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:53 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 10:57 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 115(5), the sitting was suspended.

At 11:37 a.m., the Committee resumed consideration of Harm Reduction Programs in Canada, with

particular focus on the safe injection site in Vancouver.

Neil Boyd (by videoconference from Burnaby, British Columbia) and Julio Montaner (by videoconference from Vancouver, British Columbia) made statements. Thomas Kerr, Scott Thompson, Donald MacPherson, Colin Mangham, Heather Hay and Liz Evans answered questions.

At 12:17 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:20 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Minister made a statement and, with David Butler Jones, answered questions.

At 1:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/30 4:14 p.m.

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Chair: Joy Smith.

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Joy Smith, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Nicole Demers for Christiane Gagnon.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Isabelle Dumas, Procedural Clerk.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee would meet in June 2008 according to the following schedule: On June 5 and 10, meetings to consider the draft report on the “10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health”; on June 12, 17 and 19, meetings to consider the draft report on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceuticals.

It was agreed, — That the Committee would undertake the study of Bill C-52, An Act respecting the safety of consumer products, when it resumes sitting in the fall.

At 12:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/30 8:37 a.m.

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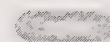
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Séance n° 34

Le jeudi 5 juin 2008

Le Comité permanent de la santé se réunit aujourd'hui à huis clos à 11 h 7, dans la pièce 237-C de l'édifice du Centre, sous la présidence de Joy Smith, la présidente.

Membres du Comité présents : L'hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Steven John Fletcher, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Joy Smith, Lui Temelkovski, l'hon. Robert Thibault et Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Membres substitués présents : Ron Cannan remplace Patricia Davidson, Carole Freeman remplace Christiane Gagnon, Richard Harris remplace David Tilson, Jean-Yves Roy remplace Luc Malo, Mario Silva remplace l'hon. Robert Thibault et Roger Valley remplace Lui Temelkovski.

Aussi présents : *Bibliothèque du Parlement* : Odette Madore, analyste; Nancy Miller Chenier, analyste; Sonya Norris, analyste. *Chambre des communes* : Isabelle Dumas, greffière à la procédure.

Conformément à l'article 108(2) du Règlement et à l'article 25.9 de la *Loi sur les arrangements fiscaux entre le gouvernement fédéral et les provinces*, le Comité reprend l'examen des progrès réalisés dans la mise en oeuvre du « Plan décennal pour consolider les soins de santé ».

Le Comité entreprend l'étude d'un projet de rapport.

Il est convenu, — Que le ministère de la Santé, conjointement avec l'Agence de la santé publique du Canada, dépose d'ici le mardi 10 juin 2008, son analyse des progrès accomplis jusqu'ici dans chacune des sections énumérées lors de la réunion des premiers ministres portant sur l'accord de 2004 sur la santé, comme l'a déjà demandé le Comité le 17 avril 2008; et que les provinces ne soient pas liées par la présente motion.

Il est convenu, — Que, d'ici la séance que doit tenir le Comité le mardi 10 juin 2008, les analystes ajoutent une section au rapport provisoire lié à l'examen obligatoire du « Plan décennal pour consolider les soins de santé », rapport qui résume les témoignages entendus pour chaque élément du Plan décennal; et qu'ils présentent des recommandations provisoires si cela est pertinent.

À 12 h 49, le Comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation par la présidence.

La greffière du Comité,

Carmen DePape

2008/06/06 15 h 52



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Vice-Chair: Lui Temelkovski.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 11:36 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Lui Temelkovski, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Lui Temelkovski, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Dean Allison for Joy Smith.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Odette Madore, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Isabelle Dumas, Procedural Clerk.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 25.9 of the *Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act*, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the progress in implementing the "10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care".

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report the supplementary opinions from the Liberal Party of Canada, and from Judy Wasylycia-Leis of the New Democratic Party, previously submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee in both official languages; and that the Committee also append to its report supplementary opinions from the Bloc Québécois, and from the Conservative Party of Canada, provided that each are no more than five pages in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee in one official language no later than 12 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2008.

It was agreed, — That the letter and attached document sent electronically to the Clerk of the Committee by Health Canada at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, in response to the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, June 5, 2008, be appended to the Committee report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Statutory Parliamentary Review of the *10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care*.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House on Friday, June 13, 2008.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

At 12:19 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:23 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/11 8:05 a.m.

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Member: Patricia Davidson.

Meeting No. 36

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

Thursday, June 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 11:30 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Christiane Gagnon, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Hon. Robert Thibault, David Tilson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Sylvie Boucher for Patricia Davidson and Hon. Hedy Fry for Lui Temelkovski.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:01 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 115(5), the sitting was suspended.

At 12:45 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/13 12:41 p.m.

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Vice-Chair: Christiane Gagnon.

Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

The Standing Committee on Health met *in camera* at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Christiane Gagnon, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Patrick Brown, Patricia Davidson, Steven John Fletcher, Christiane Gagnon, Susan Kadis, Luc Malo, Hon. Robert Thibault and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Gord Brown for David Tilson, Rick Norlock for Joy Smith and Mike Wallace for Joy Smith.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Odette Madore, Analyst; Nancy Miller-Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Isabelle Dumas, Procedural Clerk.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study on Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products, Prescription and Non-Prescription.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceuticals.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House of Commons if there is sufficient time to do so prior to the summer adjournment period, or in the event that the House has already adjourned, that the Committee seek permission to deposit the report with the Clerk of the House at any time during June and July 2008.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report the supplementary opinions from Judy Wasylycia-Leis, MP for the New Democratic Party, and the one from the Bloc Québécois, provided that they are no more than 4 pages in length and submitted to the Clerk of the Committee no later than Wednesday, June 18, 2008.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape

Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/18 2:25 p.m.

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